Global Book Bag

Title: Where Will I Live?
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Grade Level: 3
Global Competence: Empathize with others

*Where Will I Live?* is a photo essay about the lives of refugee children and their families as they leave their homes in search of a safe place to live.

In this activity, students will first discuss and better understand the global refugee crisis affecting our world today. Secondly, they will consider one struggle faced by refugees as they decide what clothes would be best to bring and which one toy or comfort item to bring because it means the most to them.

**Bag Contents:**

*Where Will I Live?*  
Pencils and erasers  
Copies of the *Where Will I Live?* worksheet

**Directions:**

1. With a parent/guardian or older sibling, read *Where Will I Live?*

2. Discuss your thoughts and feelings about the lives of these children and families.

3. Imagine that you suddenly had to leave your home and become a refugee. What would you take with you? What clothing items would you wear and take with you? What will the weather be like where you are going? What will keep you warm at night? Keep in mind that you will have to carry whatever you decide to take with you.

   Your mother says you can pack one toy or one item that comforts you to bring along. But you must leave everything else behind. What will you choose? Will it be too heavy to carry? What does this toy or item mean to you?

   In the suitcase on the worksheet, draw these items. Add a caption to explain your choices.
Extended Learning

1. Find each of the countries mentioned on the photographs using Google Maps. What can you learn about these countries?

2. Go to the following news article to learn more about refugees who fled their homeland in the Middle East and North Africa to escape poverty, war, and violence:


2. Discuss what it means to “empathize with others.”
Where Will I Live?

Many refugees leave their homes suddenly and must leave their possessions behind. Often, they can only bring a few items to carry with them. In the suitcase below, draw the items of clothing you would choose to wear and bring with you. Also, draw one special toy or item that you would bring. Remember to think about the weather when choosing your clothing. Consider that you must carry this suitcase for many miles. Write a caption at the bottom of the page to explain your choices.

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