

Rights and responsibilities

What are the rights of refugees?

What are the responsibilities of Australia and other countries?

How are refugees treated around the world?

How are refugees treated in Australia?

Activity	Thinking skill
List, either from your knowledge or by researching, the different ways refugee people have been treated in Australia, historically and currently.	Fluency
Investigate the way Australia receives refugees who arrive here with and without papers.	Flexibility
Students discuss, "What would happen if Australia changed its policy of mandatory detention?"	Curiosity
Make a summary in point form of the Geneva Refugee Convention (see www.unhcr.ch). What are the responsibilities of countries which sign it?	Complexity
Students read a dialogue (Rutter 1992 p 54) expressing opinions about refugees and use this to assess and understand prejudices about refugees. They may also write their own dialogues based on survey results, their own experiences or print or non-print media they have seen.	Curiosity