

Key Terms for Students to Understand

- A **refugee** is someone who has been forced to leave their home country because they may be punished or mistreated because of their race, religion, nationality, sexuality, gender identity, social or political views (UN Refugee Convention 1951)
- An **asylum seeker** is someone who has had to leave their home country to find safety, has applied to the national government for permission to remain somewhere new, and is waiting to find out if they are successful.
- A **failed asylum seeker** has had their application to remain turned down, and is awaiting return to their home country.
 - However, every person has the legal right to claim asylum abroad as part of the Declaration of Human Rights
 - It may be dangerous for them to return, and therefore be some time before they can do so safely.
- An **illegal immigrant** is a person who arrives in another country and does not inform the authorities of their presence.
- An **economic migrant** is one who has arrived in a new country in order to find work that may not be available in their home country.