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# Famous Refugees in Australia

Read the 'Famous Refugees in Australia' (page 17) section of the fact book and complete the following activities.

## ACTIVITY 1 – COMPREHENSION AND ANALYSIS

1. What were some of the hardships faced by Anh Do on his journey to Australia?
2. What were some of the challenges for Aliir Aliir living in the Kakuma Refugee Camp?
3. What social, economic or political contributions have these two men made to Australian society?
4. Aliir Aliir and Anh Do are both people who were lucky enough to be granted asylum in Australia. Imagine the experience of people in similar situations who haven't been accepted – how might that feel? What else can they do? What would their lives be like?



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## ACTIVITY 2 – SOURCE ANALYSIS

5. Research other well-known refugees in Australia or other countries and complete the lotus diagram on the following page. Some of the questions to consider in your research.

Research focus questions:

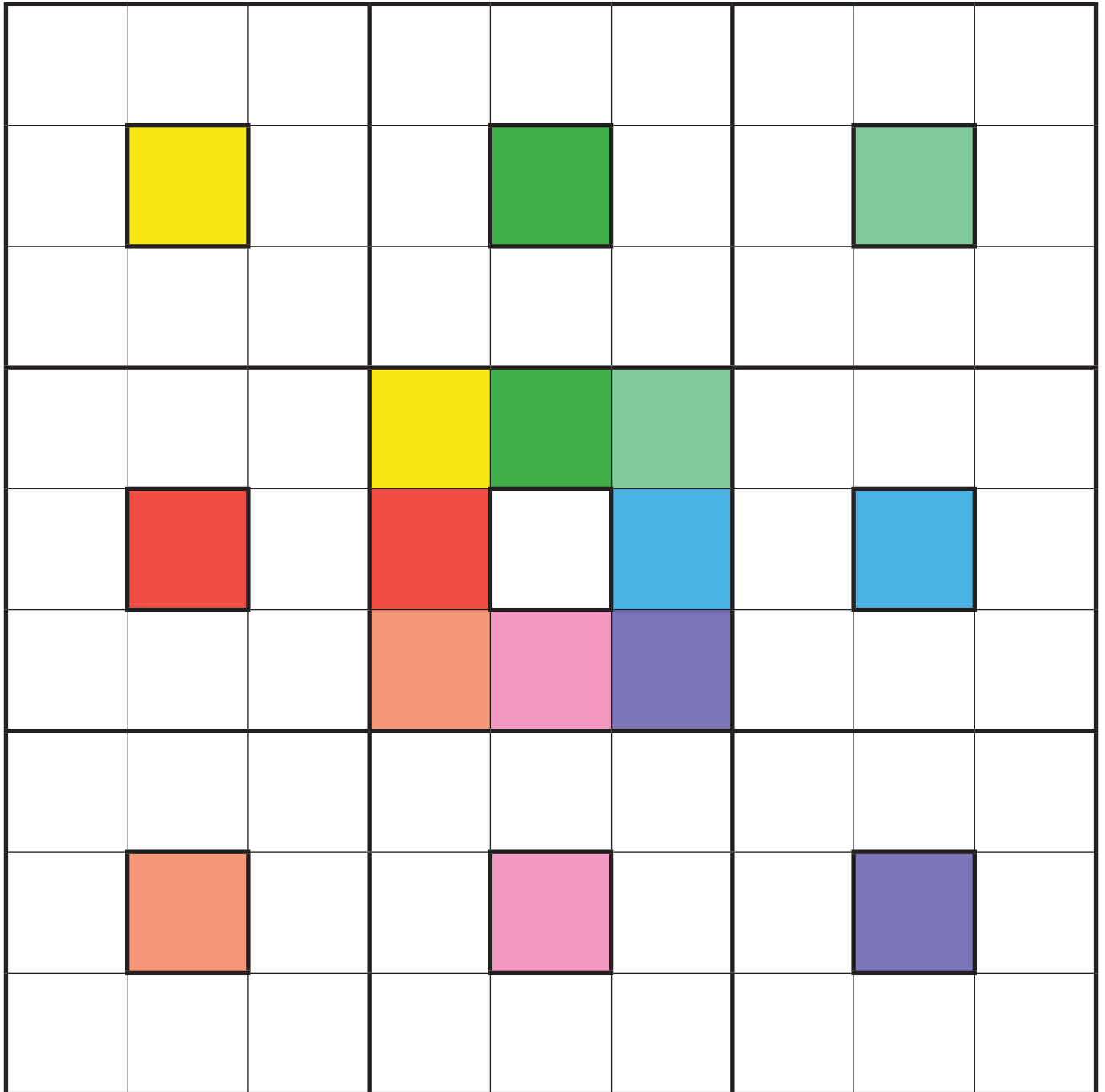
- What country did they flee and why?
- What age were they when they fled?
- Did they flee alone or with others?
- How did they make it to Australia?
- What contributions have they made since coming to Australia?

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## ACTIVITY 1 – COMPREHENSION AND ANALYSIS

### 1. What were some of the hardships faced by Anh Do on his journey to Australia?

Anh Do and his family fled to Australia on a small fishing boat packed with 40 other refugees. During the journey, their boat was twice attacked by pirates. When they were finally rescued, his family had to spend several months in a crowded Malaysian refugee camp.

### 2. What were some of the challenges for Aliir Aliir living in the Kakuma Refugee Camp?

Kakuma Refugee Camp is a challenging place to live. There are regular dust storms and the average daily temperature is 40 degrees Celsius. In addition to the weather, there are also snakes and scorpions to worry about, as well as disease in the form of cholera and malaria.

### 3. What social, economic or political contributions have these two men made to Australian society?

Anh Do and Aliir Aliir have both made significant contributions to Australian society. Anh Do has won multiple comedy awards and has also been involved in acting, producing, writing and motivational speaking. His book, *The Happiest Refugee*, also won 2011 Australian Book of the Year. Aliir Aliir has contributed in the sporting field, currently playing for the Sydney Swans in the AFL.

### 4. Aliir Aliir and Anh Do are both people who were lucky enough to be granted asylum in Australia. Imagine the experience of people in similar situations who haven't been accepted – how might that feel? What else can they do? What would their lives be like?

Student responses will vary.

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## LOTUS DIAGRAM

See below for an example of how a lotus diagram works. Students do not need to fill up every single white box if they can't find enough information, but they should be encouraged to complete as many as they can. The white boxes should be filled with different facts about the person in the coloured box. The Lotus Diagram is a brainstorming and organizational technique that enables groups or individuals to define key concepts as well as all the parts of the whole. It is similar to mind-mapping (but more structured)

Came to Australia in 1952	Fought in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War	Born in Czechoslovakia in 1930						
Regularly donates time and money to a broad range of charities	Frank Lowy	Was kept in a detention camp in Cyprus		Huy Truong			Harry Triguboff	
Was knighted in 2017	Chairman of Football Federation of Australia for 12 years	Created Westfield Development Corp						
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	Les Murray		Les Murray	Famous Australian Refugees	Dr Karl Kruszelnicki		Dr Karl Kruszelnicki	
			Tan Le	Najeeba Wazefadost	Albert Einstein			
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