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Read through the 'Climate Change Refugees' (page 27) and 'African Refugee Crisis' (page 28) sections of the factbook.

ACTIVITY 1 – FLEEING YOUR HOME

Imagine if, like these people, you were forced to flee your home in a hurry. Often, people in these situations don't have a lot of time to flee the imminent danger. If you had to leave your home quickly, what would you take with you? Make a list of 10 items you think would help you with your survival and explain how each item will help you. Consider that your items will need to fit in a bag.

ITEM	HOW WILL THIS ITEM HELP YOU?

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1. Is there anything important to you that you wouldn't be able to take with you? How would leaving these things behind make you feel?

2. From your list above, decide what you think are the three most important items. Which items did you choose and why do you think they are the most important?

3. If you are one of the 'lucky' ones, you may be resettled in a country like Australia. Imagine you are starting a new life in a new country and you only have the 10 items from your list. How would you create a new life in this country? What support would you need from the government?

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4. Do you think that Australia, as a wealthy country, should do everything it can to help support refugees who are fleeing from danger? Why/why not?

5. Imagine Australia broke out into civil war and you had to flee. What would your emotions be as you left your country, not knowing if you would ever be able to return?

6. What would be your thoughts and feelings as you arrived in a strange country?

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7. How would you feel if you were kept in a detention centre simply for fleeing your country?

8. What would you miss about your home?