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How do Asylum Seekers Arrive in Australia?

ACTIVITY 1 - MAP

Read the 'How do asylum seekers arrive in Australia?' (page 25) page and annotate the map below, showing the common routes that are taken.

Label each country that is mentioned. Your map must also contain a legend, so you can identify the difference between routes travelled by land, sea and air. Note: North and South America are not included in this map.



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ACTIVITY 2 – FLOW CHART

Create a flow chart showing the typical journey for an asylum seeker from Afghanistan trying to come to Australia. Include what would happen when they entered Australian waters.



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ACTIVITY 3 – REAL LIFE STORIES

Read the following article: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-03-24/five-asylum-seekers-who-tried-to-get-to-australia-by-boat/5342272>

1. Do these stories match up with the routes that you identified on the map?
Are there any differences?

2. What happened to the asylum seekers when they tried to come to Australia?

3. List some of the reasons they were fleeing their home countries.



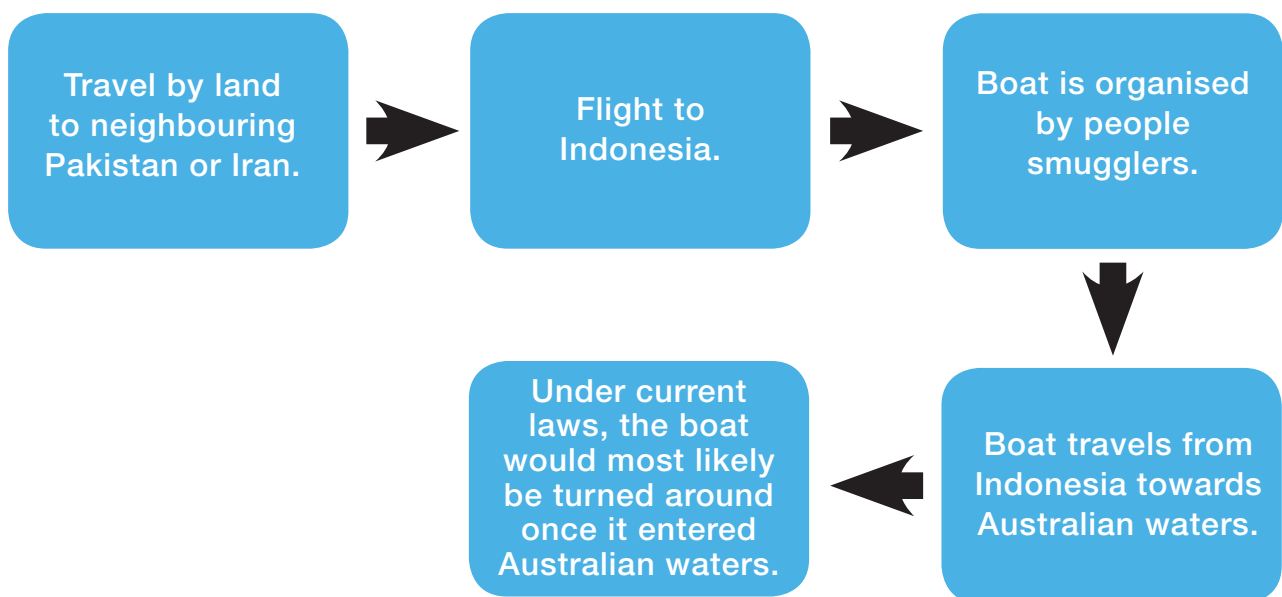
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Students should identify the main countries/regions that asylum seekers travel from: Afghanistan, Iraq, Sri Lanka and Africa (Sudan, Somalia, DRC, Eritrea). They should also identify key transit countries such as Indonesia, U.A.E, Yemen and Pakistan. Their maps should contain a legend and should show the different routes travelled from all the source countries mentioned.

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ACTIVITY 3 – REAL LIFE STORIES

1. Do these stories match up with the routes that you identified on the map? Are there any differences?

There are some small differences. In the story of “Mr Dar”, he flew from Pakistan to Thailand, before being taken by boat to Indonesia. Mr Muhammad’s journey saw him travel from Africa to Indonesia, via Istanbul in Turkey. Apart from that, the stories are very similar to the routes identified on the map.

2. What happened to the asylum seekers when they tried to come to Australia?

For most of the asylum seekers, once they entered Australian waters they were turned back and sent to the source country.

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3. List some of the reasons they were fleeing their home countries.

- “Mr Dar” was fleeing from a militant group linked to the Taliban
- Mr Muhammad was denied the chance to finish his schooling and forced by the government to stay in the military
- Mustafa Ibrahim fled Somalia as he was under pressure to join the Islamic militant group Al Shabab.