

Assembly Resource

Look at the image and read through the information below. How do you think the refugees may be feeling about their new lives in a different country? What do you think will be some of the biggest challenges that they may face starting again?

Samiulla knows that the move to the US will come with many changes and sacrifices, including to his language and his shalwar kameez, the clothing essential to his Afghan identity. He described the range of emotions he felt, from sadness to be leaving his homeland to the hope and opportunities ahead for him, his three brothers and their nine-year-old sister.

Samiulla, age 18, a student who has fled Afghanistan with his parents and siblings is currently in Abu Dhabi. He hopes to claim refuge in the US.

It won't be easy. I need to be ready for that. I won't have the same position I had in Afghanistan, and I will be starting from zero. But after what we've been through, I know it's not impossible. First, I have to change my own life if I'm to be able to help others. Only when I change myself can I help change Afghanistan.

Aziz, age 36, a chief financial officer in a US company, who has fled Afghanistan and is also in Abu Dhabi before trying to claim refuge in the US.

Look at the image below, taken from the book, 'We Are All Born Free', which outlines Article 14 from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Talk about the importance of feeling safe and the things in our lives that make us feel safe.

