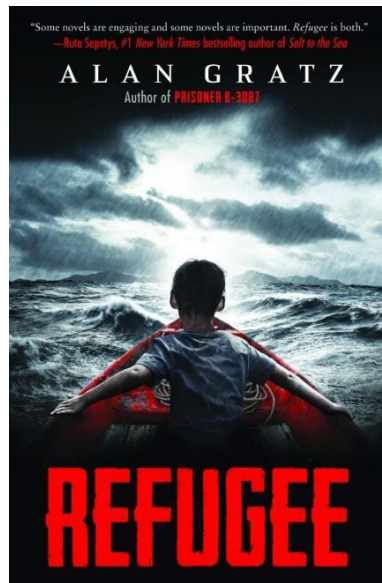


STPA ELA 8 Summer Reading



Rising 8th graders to STPA should:

- 1.** Purchase a copy of *Refugee* by Alan Gratz, read it, and enjoy it! It is recommended that you use this graphic organizer to better understand and follow the story.
- 2.** After reading the novel, read the article “We Are All Refugees Now” by Steve Ali by clicking on title. Pay attention to how the author compares his personal experiences as a Syrian refugee to the experience we are all going through right now during this pandemic.
- 3.** The commonly-accepted definition of a refugee is *someone who is forced to flee his or her country because of war, persecution, or natural disaster*. Keeping this definition in mind, and thinking about the novel *Refugee* answer the following question: **How has the current pandemic made you feel like a refugee this summer?** Please type your double-space 200-300-word response using 12-point font size and a readable font.
- 4.** Please bring your typed response with you on the first day of class, and be prepared to write a one-page summary of the novel *Refugee* in class during the first week of school.

Optional resources to help you in reading and understanding *Refugee* can be found at:

<https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/teachers/lesson-plans/17-18/Refugee-discussion-guide.pdf>

Enjoy the summer & have fun reading!