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Being Helpful Rules

A play on words.  
Rules: restrictions/guizelizes  
Rules: is cool/great.

The connection of topic & text  
is choice of helping w/o obligation

The responsibility of helping others can be a sensitive subject as well as controversial, especially when it jeopardizes the safety of hundreds of millions of lives. This moral dilemma can be controversial when it comes to one's personal duty towards assisting a fellow man (or woman) in need. This can be caused to question when walking passed a homeless person, watching someone drop an item beside you, or telling someone they have their zipper down. The subject is addressed in the novel *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie as the protagonist Junior is discovered to be poor. The new friends that he makes are quick to come to his aid even if there may be no ethical requirement on their part. This topic also recently had to be considered nationally as the United States was forced to make a decision about accepting Syrian refugees as well as others into the country. Ultimately, John Kerry, U.S. Secretary of State, led the response to accept these shelter-seeking foreigners as long as their backgrounds checks increased and their numbers were capped.

Thesis Summarizes  
Article in 1  
Sentence

In the Newsela article "U.S. Plans to Accept More Refugees but Security Rules Will Limit Number," this choice is explicitly explained. [Summary – most important information to least important in 4-6 sentences]. Therefore, it is evident that the U.S. government is attempting to balance their responsibility in helping refugees and appeasing the American public's multiple opinions regarding this resolution.

The decision to accept refugees was important  
b/c so many governors claimed that they opposed.

analyzed our citizens & Help other nations. OUR NATION'S BALANCE to protect

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Based off of this article and this recent topic in the news, it seems that our nation constantly attempts to balance the protection of our citizens and the assistance toward the rest of the world with our plentiful resources. [Analysis & Personal Connection in 4-6 sentences]. Therefore, I understand that it is an extremely complex issue, but I do respect the United States' decision in this matter and hope that we can continue to find our balance in helping out others around the world.

As a result of this recent news and conversation, I would challenge our world to rethink their morality and look back on their family history. The article I discovered in Newsela discusses the struggle of our government's role in this world and specifically in what to do with refugees seeking our aid, and I think we need to consider this in our opinions and decisions regarding the government and the elected officials. We can all learn to recognize how complex these issues are and how difficult these decisions can be, so I hope that we can all carefully consider our options as we vote and form our own personal opinions on similar matters.

I think people need to understand that issues are all complex.

I Hope people realize we need to help one another in order to have a better world.

I challenge to consider issues & tough decisions when voting.