

## “Diary of a useless refugee“

### - Lesson with Ahmad Hashish

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On Monday, 10 February 2020, Ahmad Hashish came to our school. He's a refugee from Syria and we took a close look at the topic "Migration and Population" some weeks ago in school, so he was invited to tell us something about his way from Syria to Germany.

#### Preparing Mr. Hashish's visit

We have been taught the topics "Migration and Population" and "Escape and Asylum" in school since December. We watched videos, read texts and spoke a lot about the themes with our politics teacher Ms. Mager. We also learned something about the conflict in Syria, so that we are prepared because Mr. Hashish comes from Syria.

#### The beginning of the lesson

After the second break, about 11:50pm, all school members gathered in the room, in which Hashish already prepared his laptop for his presentation. Before we had had regular class, but now everyone was excited about the following lesson. Some sat on desks and some on chairs, because there weren't enough chairs for everybody. Four classes, about 80 students and eight teachers were there to listen to Ahmad Hashish.

#### Mr. Hashish's way from Syria to Germany

During the lesson it was so quiet, because everybody was impressed by what Mr. Hashish and his family have experienced. He was twelve years old, living in Syria. When the war broke out and his father got arrested several times, the family decided to flee. On their way they had to meet a lot of cruel people. Even in Germany there were some people -class mates and teachers- who made life difficult for him. He didn't speak German perfectly, but in my opinion that was good because it makes the lesson more authentic.

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When Mr. Hashish was finished with telling, the audience could ask a lot of questions to him. After that he presented his book “Diary of a useless refugee”. In this book he wrote down everything about his escape from Syria to Germany. I also got one copy with Ahmad Hashish’s signature.

The lesson was very helpful to understand the situation of refugees in a better way. To be honest, I think if we only had read texts in our school books, the topic “Conflict in Syria” would have been very boring.

All in all I learned something very important: We should be thankful, to live in a safe country like Germany and we should stop thinking about prejudices against refugees, instead we should give them a chance of a better life, because everybody has the right to live in peace.



If you are interested in the whole story of Mr. Hashish, you can order the book via internet.

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