**Guided Notes on Syrian Refugee Crisis**

**Part 1: Political** [Syrian Refugee Crisis in 5 minutes](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKb9GVU8bHE)

1. *Key players—explain the role of the following groups of people:*
   1. Bashar al-Assad
   2. Russia
   3. Hezbollah
   4. Iran
   5. Kurds/Kurdistan
   6. Free Syrian Army
   7. Gulf States, Turkey, Jordan
   8. ISIS
   9. USA
   10. Sunni/Shia split

**Part 2: Economic (Anderson Cooper) (0:00-3:50 - look away - 6:00 )** [60 Minutes Seeking Asylum](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/seeking-asylum-60-minutes-anderson-cooper/)

1. Describe the dinghies crossing the Mediterranean. How many have drowned so far this year?
2. How much are Syrians spending to take the trip across the Med.? Who is benefitting from this $?
3. Why can’t Greece help the refugees and people are helping instead?
4. How has the profile of the typical Syrian refugee changed?
5. What are the biggest economic challenges facing refugees arriving in Germany?

**Part 3: Social...What would *you* do?** [**BBC Simulation**](http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-32057601)

1. In your opinion, what should the United States government do to respond to this refugee crisis? (Feel free to continue your response on the back or in your journal.)