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Seeking Refuge: International Laws and the Rights of Refugees

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. I would organize educational events, workshops, and awareness campaigns in my school or community to inform people about the challenges refugees and asylum-seekers face. I would collaborate with local organizations and schools to promote empathy and inclusion. I would also engage in advocacy efforts, such as writing letters to policymakers and organizing fundraisers to support refugees.
2. Countries often face the ethical dilemma of ensuring national security while upholding the rights of refugees. Balancing these concerns can be achieved through careful screening and security checks of asylum-seekers, improving intelligence sharing and international cooperation to address security threats, and ensuring that security measures do not disproportionately impact innocent refugees. Finding a balance may require clear policies and international collaboration to address both security and humanitarian needs.
3. The Syrian refugee crisis began in 2011 due to the Syrian civil war. Millions of Syrians fled their homes seeking safety in neighboring countries and beyond. Challenges included overcrowded refugee camps, limited access to education and healthcare, and the need for humanitarian assistance. International responses included the work of organizations like the UNHCR, humanitarian aid, and efforts to find durable solutions such as resettlement.
4. Possible answers include strengthening cooperation among nations to share the burden of hosting refugees, addressing the root causes of displacement, reducing processing times for asylum claims, promoting refugee integration and inclusion, providing additional financial support to host countries, and increasing awareness and empathy for refugees to combat discrimination and stereotypes.

