

# NEWS BREAK

**Wednesday's News Break selects an article from Sunday, September 6, 2015** of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected story and answer the attached study questions.

**As Germany welcomes refugee wave, some fear acceptance won't last** (Main, page A4)

## Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. Before you read this article, as a class discuss what you think this story will be about. Write down any keywords from the title, which you used to make your predictions. Also discuss what clues the picture accompanying the article might give you.

## 2. Vocabulary: Match the words or phrases to the numbered definitions below.

- A. asylum
- B. backlash
- C. bureaucracy
- D. circumvent
- E. consensus
- F. demographics
- G. formidable
- H. homogeneous
- I. integration
- J. internment
- K. prevailing
- L. prospect
- M. refugee
- N. rejuvenate
- O. resentment
- P. synonymous

- 1. usual, common, or popular
- 2. to avoid being stopped by (something, such as a law or rule) : to get around (something) in a clever and sometimes dishonest way
- 3. someone who has been forced to leave a country because of war or for religious or political reasons
- 4. a strong public reaction against something
- 5. very powerful or strong : deserving serious attention and respect
- 6. the act of putting someone in a prison for political reasons or during a war
- 7. a general agreement about something : an idea or opinion that is shared by all the people in a group
- 8. the possibility that something will happen in the future
- 9. strongly suggesting a particular idea, quality, etc.
- 10. the qualities (such as age, sex, and income) of a specific group of people; a group of people that has a particular set of qualities
- 11. protection given by a government to someone who has left another country in order to escape being harmed

12. to give new strength or energy to (something)
13. to make (a person or group) part of a larger group or organization
14. a feeling of anger or displeasure about someone or something unfair
15. a system of government or business that has many complicated rules and ways of doing things
16. made up of the same kind of people or things

### Comprehension

1. Thousands of the asylum-seekers left Hungary late Friday and were put on buses to the Austrian border. What were many of the travelers brandishing posters of?
2. The asylum-seekers pouring into Germany are expected to reach what percent of Germany's overall population?
3. According to the article, what does the prospect of accepting an expecting 800,000 new residents offer Germany an opportunity to rejuvenate?
4. Give one example of how Germans have met previous waves of newcomers with generosity and support.
5. Some Germans have risked arrest to circumvent immigration bureaucracy by doing what?
6. In addition to an outpouring of generosity for the refugees, Germany has already experienced a formidable backlash against the newcomers. Give one example of backlash Germany has seen.
7. What laws did President Joachim Gauck recall when he urged Germans to embrace the diversity that has since grown up around them?
8. Many, including Chancellor Merkel, have compared the challenge facing Germany to the historic decision after the breach of what in November of 1989?
9. According to the article, in the 1960's when West Germany invited men, mostly from Turkey to fill industrial jobs in its post-World War II factories, what were those workers viewed as?
10. The descendents of those workers from the 1960's who remained in the country now make up nearly half of Germany's population – **true or false?**

### Additional Activities

1. Read the following quote from German President Joachim Gauck: "Until even more people can part with the image of a nation that is very homogeneous and in which nearly all people speak German as their mother tongue, are fair-skinned and largely Christian," he said, their perception of German society will not reflect the reality of who lives here. What do you think he means by this? How do you think German society compares with that of the United States? Do you think the United States is a very homogeneous nation –why or why not? What is your perception of American society and who lives here?
2. **Answer the following questions about the article you just read:**
  - A. Who or what is this article about?
  - B. Why do you think this article is important?
  - C. What is the most important or interesting fact you learned from this article?

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