

# NEWS BREAK

**Wednesday's News Break** selects an article from **Tuesday, October 25th, 2016** print replica of The Seattle Times for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions. **Please remember to always preview the content of the article before sharing with your students.**

**Article:** 'Turkey has become dangerous for us': Some seek asylum here (Main, A1)

**Objective:** Students will examine different examples of religious extremism and relate it to current events.

**Common Core Standards:** CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI

Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.

## Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

- What do you know about Turkey? Why do you think some people from Turkey don't feel safe there?

**Vocabulary:** Match the words to the numbered definitions in the chart below.

1. asylum	1. a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government.
2. categorically	2. avoiding the company of other people; solitary.
3. coup	3. adopt or support (a cause, belief, or way of life).
4. devout	4. devoutly religious
5. elusiveness	5. the protection granted by a nation to someone who has left their native country as a political refugee
6. espoused	6. having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.
7. extradite	7. hand over (a person accused or convicted of a crime) to the jurisdiction of the foreign state in which the crime was committed
8. pious	8. without exceptions or conditions
9. reclusive	9. cleverly or skillfully evasive

## Comprehension

1. An attempted what in July led to a government sweep of mass arrests and firings?
2. The couple belongs to this movement, inspired by reclusive Turkish cleric Fethullah Gülen, who lives in the mountains where?
3. Turkey, a NATO ally, is already enraged over what?
4. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, blames the cleric and his followers for the coup attempt that killed roughly how many people?
5. One man who came here after being dismissed from his job at a Turkish airline said his wife had been detained how many days without charges?
6. Oft-heard analogies compare the group to what?

## Group Discussion Questions or Extension Essay Questions:

Conduct your own research on the Gülen or “Hizmet” movement. What is your impression? Do you think that they are responsible for the coup? Does the movement remind you of any other religions that you know about? Based on your research as well as on the article that you just read, do you think that people of the Gülen or Hizmet movement should be allowed to come to the United States? Why or why not?

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## **Vocabulary**

- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 1
- D. 6
- E. 9
- F. 3
- G. 7
- H. 4
- I. 2

## **Comprehension Questions**

1. Coup
2. Pennsylvania
3. The U.S. failure to extradite Gülen
4. 240 people
5. 10
6. The Catholic group Opus Dei, the Masons and the Mormons.