“Some novels are engaging and some novels are important. Refugee is both.”
—Ruta Sepetys, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Salt to the Sea

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Author of PRISONER B-3087

Three different kids.
One mission in common:

ESCAPE

JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With
the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family
board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . .

ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest
plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft,
hoping to find safety in America . . .

MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland
torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin
a long trek toward Europe . . .

All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge.
All will face unimaginable dangers—from drownings to
bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of
tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are
separated by continents and decades, shocking connections
will tie their stories together in the end.
What do you think this book is about?

Why do you think the author chose this image for the cover?

Why do you think the author chose this title?

Which backing do you think is more effective?

Given what happens to Josef and Isabel, what do you think Mahmoud’s story will be like?
Create a family tree for each main character:

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