***Syrian Diary Assignment***

**Directions:** Using what you have learned in class, write a journal that assumes you are a Syrian teenager forced to leave your country. Your work should follow these guidelines:

1) Include two push factors that motivated them to leave Syria, as well as two pull factors that inspired them to make the journey to Europe.

2) Your journal must be at least four paragraphs long to receive a grade of an 80—six paragraphs to be eligible for a 90.

3) All work should be typed, with pictures and maps welcome.

4) Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Idea Box: *Based on today’s class, what other details could you include in your diary?*

**Alternative Assignment Option:**

* Write a Syrian version of Emma Lazarus’ poem, “The New Colossus”.
* It must have ten sections of four lines each—NOT having to rhyme.

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**Items to Include in your Journal:**

**Paragraph One:**

* Your name, basic family information, and what life is like in your country.
* Note: To obtain a Syrian name, you should google “Syrian Names List-EBaby Names”
* You can also look at a map of Syria to get the name of a town you’d like to be from.

**Paragraph Two:**

* Describe at least two **Push Factors** that have forced you to leave your country.

**Paragraph Three:**

* Describe at least two **Pull Factors** that are attracting you and your family to Europe.

**Paragraph Four:**

* Describe the many **difficulties** you face travelling to Europe—meaning paying smugglers, dangerous raft rides across the Mediterranean Sea, sneaking in vehicles, etc.

**Paragraph Five:**

* Describe more details about your journey…

**Paragraph Six:**

* What are your hopes for your new life…what country are you headed to?
* Did they grant you asylum?

**Some Sample Thoughts to get you started:**

“My name is Ahmed. My family and I have travelled over 500 miles to go from our home in Syria through Turkey. Now, we are waiting for a smuggler to take us to Greece….”