

Enquiry Question:
**How did refugees and migrants come
to Britain during the Second World
War?**

Lesson Title:
**Refugees, Migrants and “Stateless”
Peoples’ - People’s ‘Routes’ to Britain**



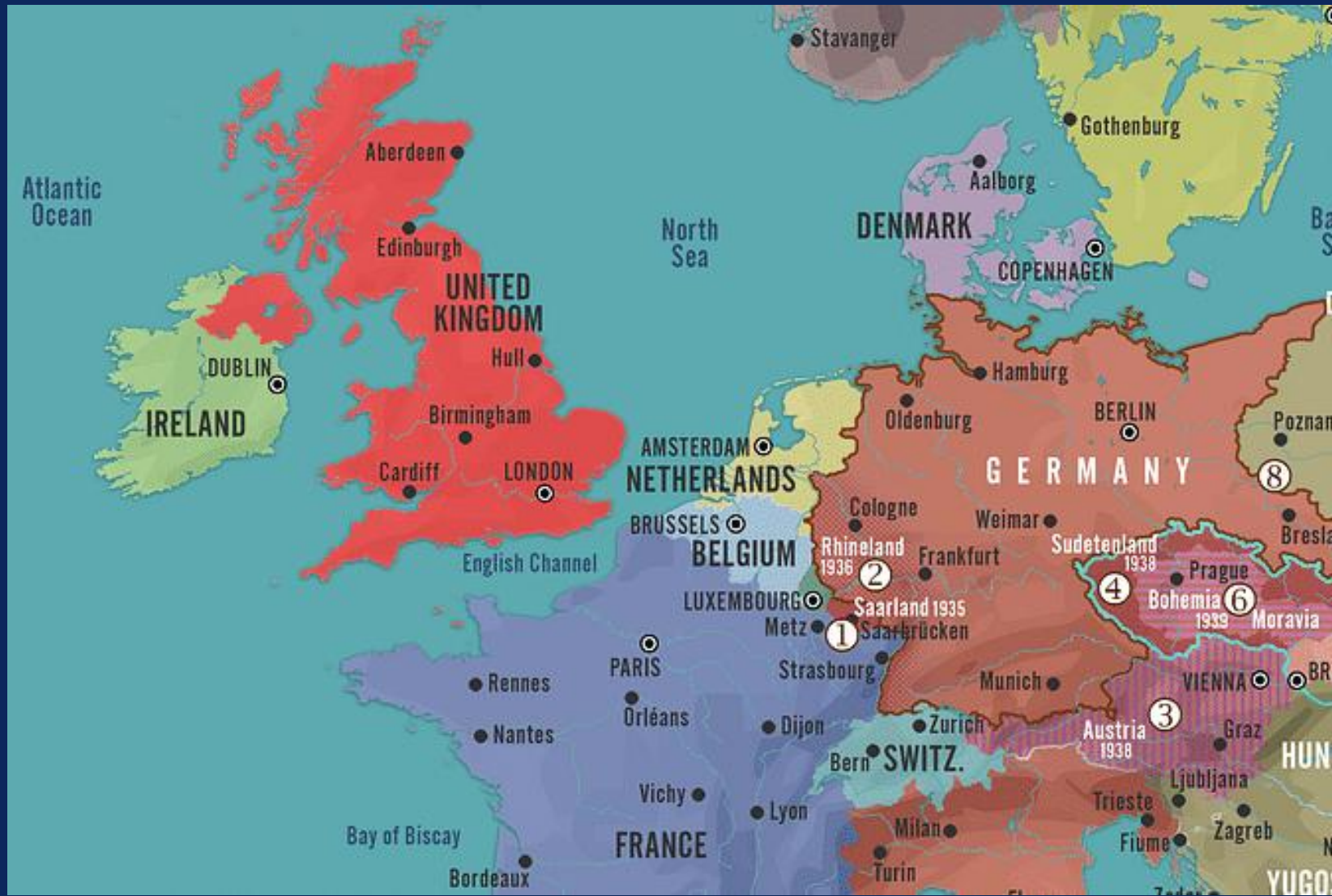
Dutch Children arrive in Essex, 1945, IWM

Travelling to Britain as a Migrant or Refugee

Imagine a family living in Berlin in 1939, before the war broke out in 1939. They chose to flee to Britain to safety, what would they have to consider?

- Types of transportation available from Germany to Britain
- Documentation you might need
- Luggage you would take
- Where you would go when you arrived in Britain

To help you, there's a map of Europe on the next slide...

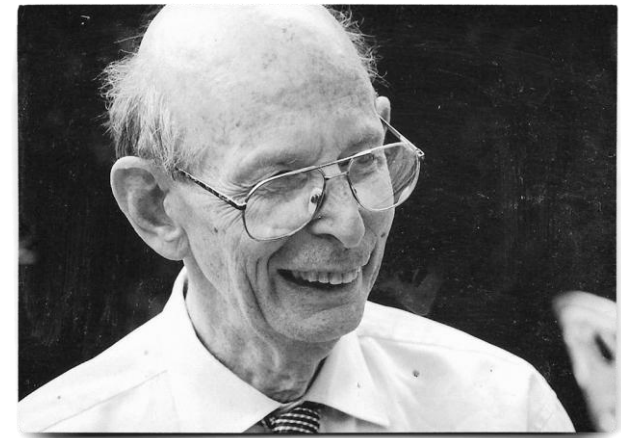


Journey's to Britain: John and Marion

- As a class we will explore the stories of two Holocaust survivors who made new lives in Britain. As we read through the stories highlight when they travel from one place to another using these categories:
 - Green – Refugee
 - Red – Prisoner
 - Blue – Migrant
 - Yellow – Other



Marion Camrass, *Gathering the Voices*



John Chillag, *Holocaust Centre North*

Tracking their journeys and choices

Now we know John and Marion's stories half of the class will track John's journey to Britain on a map, and half will track Marion's.

Use the categories that we used to highlight the story to track their journey.

- Green – Refugee
- Red – Prisoner
- Blue – Migrant
- Yellow – Other

Consider – at which points were John and Marion in control of their journey and where they were going?

Routes to Britain: Marion's Map



- Map of Marion Camrass' journey from Poland to Siberia to Uzbekistan to Poland
- Created by a 14 year old Scottish student, courtesy of *Gathering the Voices*

Routes to Britain: Stories of Survival

- We can see from both John and Marion's journeys that they experienced multiple traumatic and difficult circumstances before they arrived and settled in Britain
- Look at the photo. How might a refugee feel about being greeted by a police officer or armed person?
- What should we consider when refugees arrive to Britain? How should we treat them?



London, UK, 1938, Jewish children arriving in the city, *Yad Vashem*



Summary: How did refugees and migrants come to Britain during the Second World War?

Discuss the following questions with your partner and be ready to share your thoughts (use evidence to support your answers):

- Having looked at the stories of survivors, how would you characterise refugees' and migrants' journeys to the UK?
- How has your knowledge developed during this lesson?
- Is it possible to describe refugee and migrants' journeys in a simple way? Why or why not?



John Chillag enjoying wintry weather in Australia, *Holocaust Centre North*