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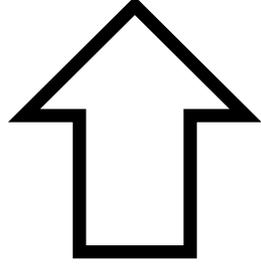
CW What is Islamophobia?

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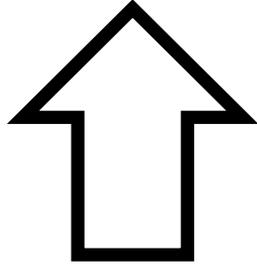
What comes into your mind when you think  
of Islam and the media?

Homework for next lesson:  
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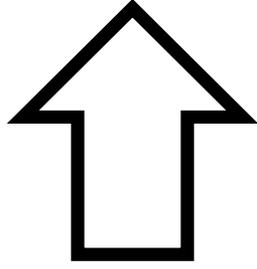
# Learning Objectives



LO3: To **create** a flow diagram to show the causes of Islamophobia.



LO2: To **explain** why the war in Syria has made Islamophobia worse.



LO1: To **outline** the meaning of Islamophobia.

# Islamophobia

Dictionary

Enter a word, e.g. 'pie'



**Islamophobia**

/ɪzˌlɑːməˈfeʊbiə/

*noun*

dislike of or prejudice against Islam or Muslims, especially as a political force.

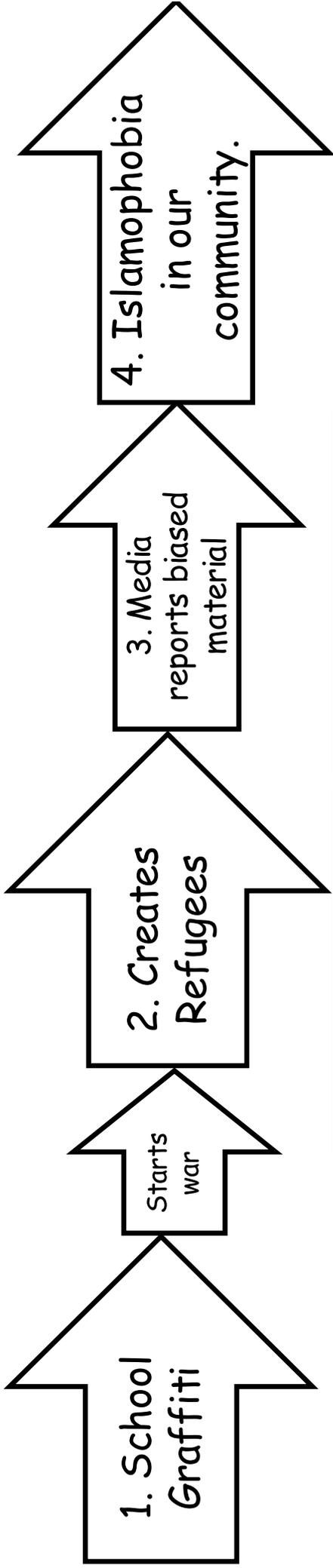


Translations, word origin and more definitions

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## Success Criteria

Discuss the definition of Islamophobia.



What happened at the boys school in Syria?

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What happened to Rani?

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What happens in the media?

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What happens in our communities?

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**LO2:** To **explain** why the war in Syria has made Islamophobia worse.

**LO3:** To **create** a flow diagram to show the causes of Islamophobia.

# 1. THE GRAFFITI KIDS WHO SPARKED THE SYRIAN WAR



LO2: To explain why the war in Syria has made Islamophobia worse.

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/the-graffiti-kids-who-sparked-the-syrian-war/article33123646/>

## THE GRAFFITI KIDS WHO SPARKED THE SYRIAN WAR

At the start of it all, before the civil war—a 14-year-old boy stood giggling with a can of black spray paint, pointing it at the wall of his school in southern Syria.

Naief Abazid was just doing what the bigger kids told him to. Trying to make them laugh. "It's your turn, Doctor Bashar al-Assad," he painted, just under the window of the principal's office of the all-boys school.

It was a political statement – suggesting that Syria's Baathist leader would fall, written by an apolitical teenage prankster. It would rock the Middle East – and the world.

"It was something silly," Naief told. "I was a kid. I didn't know what I was doing."

More than 400,000 people have been killed, and the war in Syria rages on. Millions more have been driven from their homes, with hundreds of thousands – including Naief – seeking refuge in Europe.

Naief's graffiti has had an effect on our world similar to the assassin's bullet fired in Sarajevo at the outbreak of the First World War. Without Naief's act, would the war have started?

Would the refugee crisis be on the scale it is now? Would the United Kingdom – spurred by campaign posters of streams of refugees heading north – have voted to leave the European Union? Would the anti-immigrant message of Donald Trump – who has spoken, without evidence, of possible "spys" among the Syrian refugees accepted into the United States.

Naief himself was arrested, tortured for weeks, released from prison, celebrated as a hero, shot in the arm, and then whisked into exile – all in the first year after he spray-painted that school wall. His life since has been no less terrifying: He and his family lived in poverty as refugees in Jordan. He anonymously joined the hundreds of thousands of Syrians who fled to Europe in 2015, and was recently granted permanent residency in Austria.

Naief Abazid – a short, thin young man with slicked-back black hair and a stubby beard – is stunned by all that's resulted from his impulsive act five years ago. "I was the youngest one in the crowd. They told me what to write," Naief recalled.

"I only realized it was serious when I got to prison."

Naief went to school as usual on Feb. 17, 2011. He was sitting in class when he heard the hall monitor take a call asking for Naief to be brought to the principal's office. When he got there, he was introduced to a man who said he was from the Education Ministry. Naief was already in the hands of Syria's feared security service. The officer said he wanted to talk to Naief about some graffiti on the school wall, and told the boy to follow him outside. (Naief later realized that he had written his name a year earlier on another part of the school property; that sample of his handwriting was all the evidence the security forces would need.)

"I kept saying 'I don't understand,'" Naief tells me across the table.

"They said, 'Do you know what it means?'"

"I said, 'No.'"

Eventually, he gave his them names of five boys who had been in the crowd that urged him to write the graffiti. In total 23 boys ended up in custody. Naief felt scared and alone.

## 2. Refugee Crisis

- It's poor countries, not rich, who look after the vast majority of the world's refugees. 86% of the world's refugees are sheltered by developing countries.
- Most refugees just move from one poor country to another.
- So far this year, over 268,000 people have arrived in Europe via sea. Around half are women and children.
- The countries on Europe's borders - Greece and Italy - are struggling to cope with the numbers of desperate people arriving. Britain has refused to help at all.
- Britain is not Europe's top recipient of asylum applications. Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Greece and Austria all receive significantly more applications than we do.
- In 2015, 3,771 men, women and children lost their lives during their desperate attempt to cross the Mediterranean Sea. Every death was a tragedy. So far in 2016, 3,166 more people have died.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVrMQyBHWwI&pbjreload=10>

## REFUGEES

They have no need of our help

So do not tell me

These haggard faces could belong  
to you or me

Should life have dealt a different  
hand

We need to see them for who they  
really are

Chancers and scroungers  
Layabouts and loungers

With bombs up their sleeves  
Cut-throats and thieves

They are not

Welcome here

We should make them

Go back to where they came from

They cannot

Share our food

Share our homes

Share our countries

Instead let us

Build a wall to keep them out

It is not okay to say

These are people just like us

A place should only belong to those  
who are born there

Do not be so stupid to think that

The world can be looked at another  
way

(now read from bottom to top)

## 3. Biased Media

- <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3442693/Far-right-protest-lesson-Islam-school-parents-called-police-spotting-group-Muslims-praying-nearby-car-park.html>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/jun/22/islamophobic-attacks-manchester-increase-arena-attack>

How does Isra describe her religion?

What do ISIS want in the West?

Give an example of anti Muslim behaviour from the speech

What are Isra's views on refugees?

What does Isra feel that we can do about Islamaphobia?

# 4. Impact



How does Isra describe her religion?

A religion of peace and mercy

What do ISIS want in the West?

They want the West to reject Muslims so that they turn to Isis

Give an example of anti Muslim behaviour from the speech

In Tesco's someone made a comment that she should not be in this country

What are Isra's views on refugees?

They do not take the jobs

Refugees from Syria are not from Isis but they have been forced to leave because of Isis. Isis have destroyed their homes and killed their loved ones.

What does Isra feel that we can do about Islam phobia?

Learn about each other's religion

Be fair to one another

Report hate crimes

