

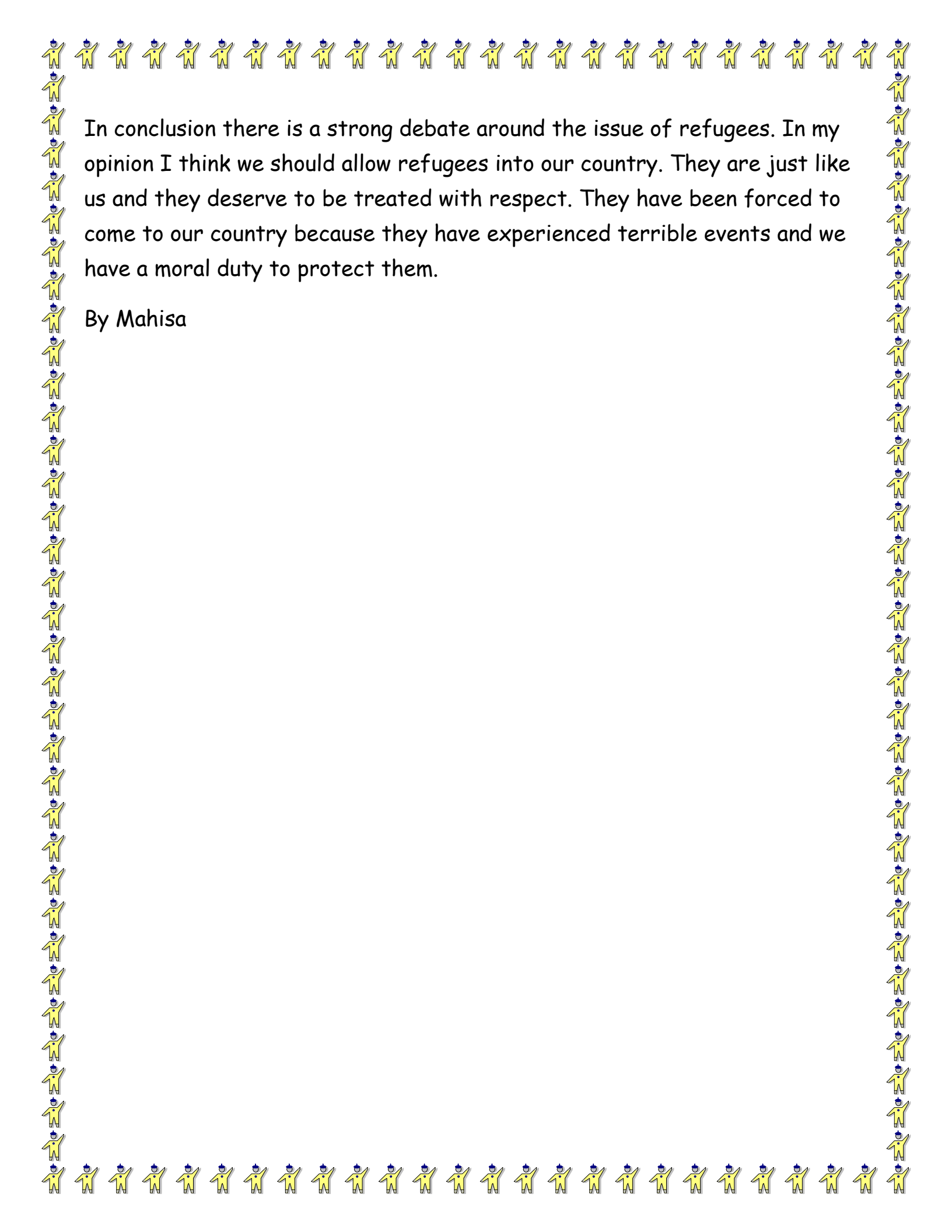
Should we allow refugees to come to the UK?

There has been a fierce debate in our country about whether we should allow refugees to come here. Some people argue that we have a moral responsibility to care for people who have been persecuted. However opponents of refugees argue that they have a negative effect on our country and are a drain on resources.

Some people believe that there are too many refugees in the UK and that they are taking resources such as jobs, healthcare and benefits. Whereas supporters of refugees point out that the UK only cares for 3% of the 9.2 million refugees worldwide. Furthermore two thirds of refugees are looked after by developing countries, who have less resources than us. They also argue that refugees are not allowed to work therefore it is not their fault that they have to live on benefits and cannot contribute taxes.

Opponents of refugees argue that they bring diseases into this country which can then be spread around the population. However in 2003 the Immigration Service carried out a test of 5000 refugees and found no evidence of any infectious diseases such as TB or AIDS. Some people also believe that refugees are criminals and are more likely to break our laws. However supporters of refugees point out that the Association of Chief Police Officers state that the majority of refugees are law abiding citizens. In fact they are more likely to be victims of crime.





In conclusion there is a strong debate around the issue of refugees. In my opinion I think we should allow refugees into our country. They are just like us and they deserve to be treated with respect. They have been forced to come to our country because they have experienced terrible events and we have a moral duty to protect them.

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