**2.3 Manar’s Story**

*A refugee girl, Manar, explains her journey from Syria to UK***:** createdSeptember 2015

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/34262108> (3 minutes 9 seconds)

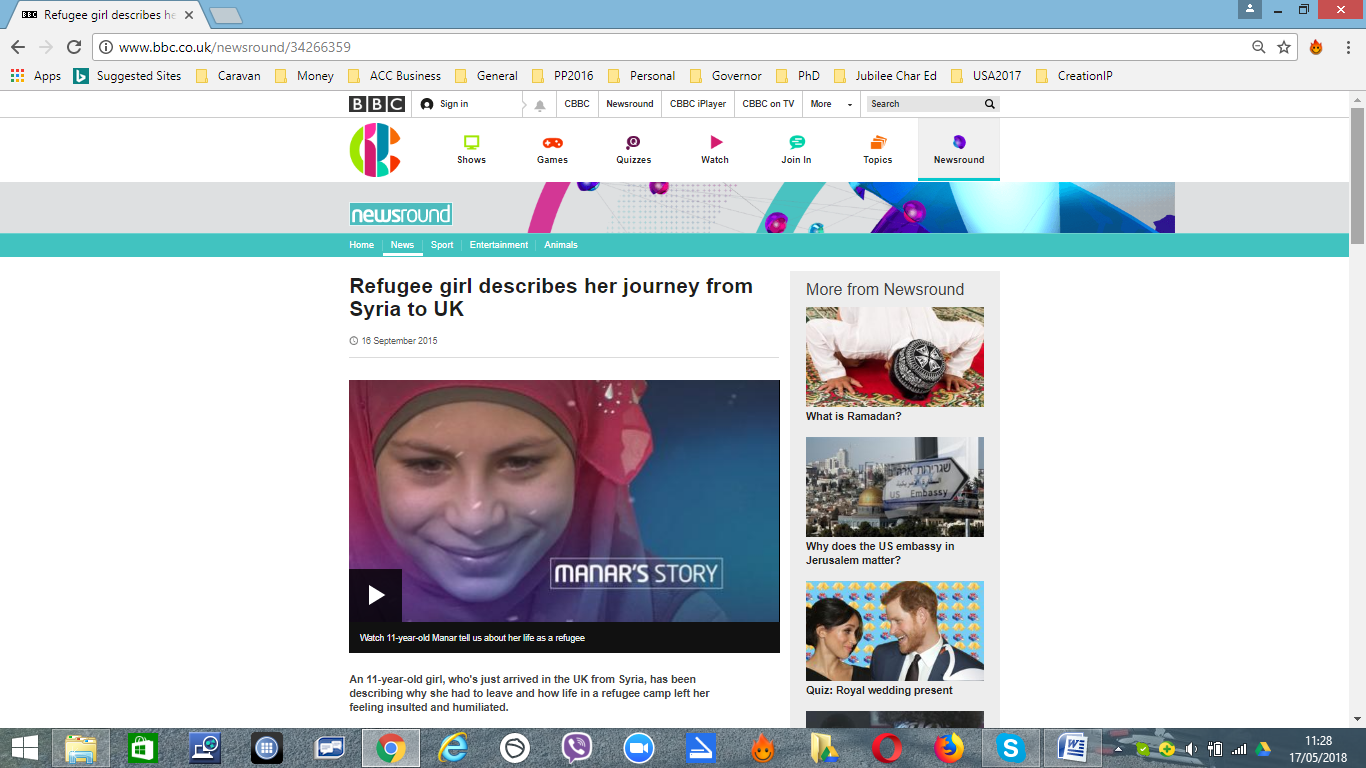
**An 11-year-old girl, who's just arrived in the UK from Syria, has been describing why she had to leave and how life in a refugee camp left her feeling insulted and humiliated.**

Manar moved to Britain just three weeks ago, when her family was relocated to Bradford in West Yorkshire, from a camp in Lebanon.

Her mum, Mariam, decided that Manar and her four sisters had no choice but to leave Syria after their neighbour's house was destroyed by a falling plane as [war and fighting in the country got worse and worse](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/16979186).

But it's taken three years for them to begin their new life in the UK.

*Speaking to Newsround reporter Ricky, Manar has been explaining how the war turned the country she loved upside down.*



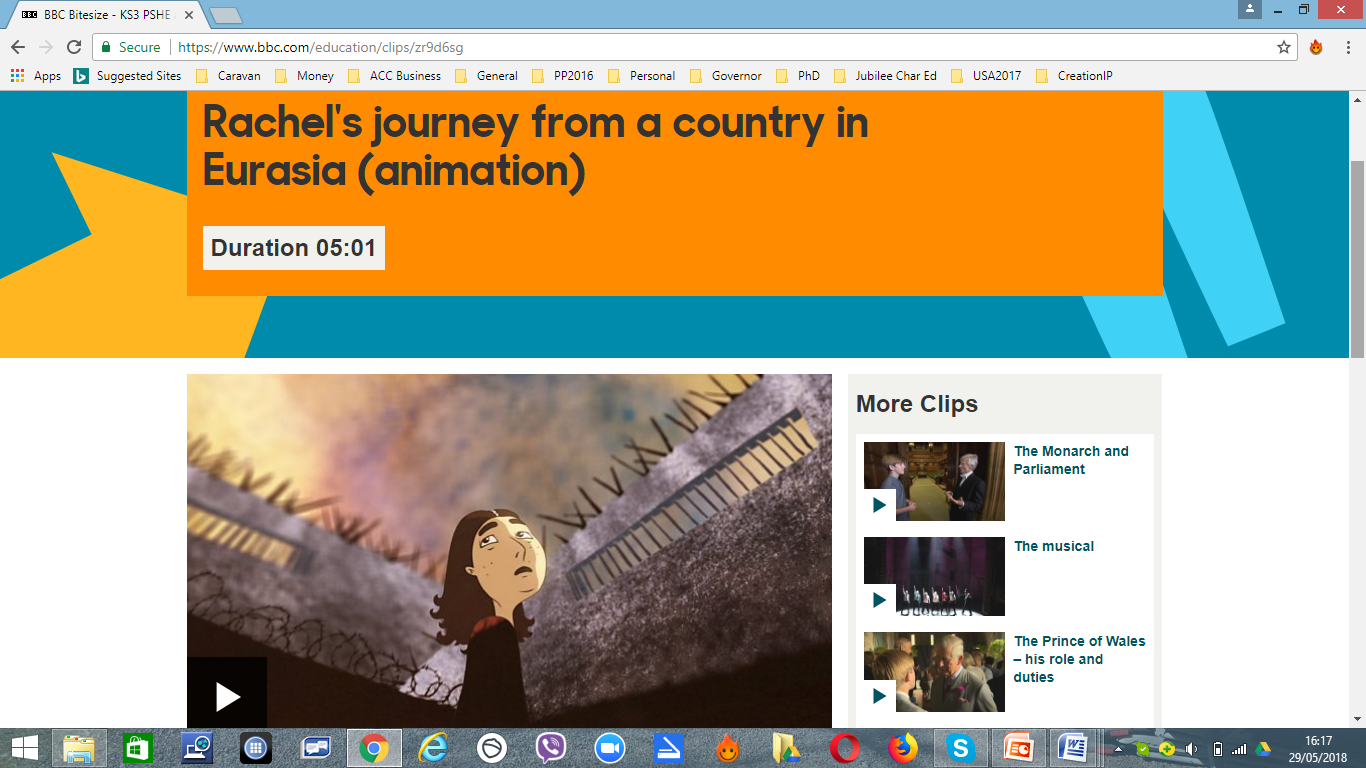
**2.3 Rachel’s story (BBC PSHE & Citizenship)**

<https://www.bbc.com/education/clips/zr9d6sg>

*(5 minutes, animation)*

An animated documentary featuring 17 year old Rachel who escaped her country of origin having suffered years of persecution because of her religion.

After settling in to life in the UK and enjoying her first experience of a normal childhood, she was suddenly sent to a detention centre and then deported back to her country.   
  
Having escaped a second time to the UK, Rachel finally received a letter confirming she was allowed to stay in the country.  
  
Rachel intends to study law, so she can help others who have suffered in a similar way.



**2.3 Ruth’s Story**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/36714334>

(4 minutes 15 seconds)

Three thousand children arrived in the UK, alone, in 2015.

**Ruth was 14 when she left her home country of Eritrea in east Africa.**

She didn't like the way she was being treated, so she embarked on a dangerous journey to the UK.

Many of the children are refugees escaping war or devastation in their home countries. They've travelled thousands of miles across deserts, mountains and seas. When they get to the UK they are often tired and afraid. They are taken by immigration officers or police to a safe place where they are asked lots of questions. This is so that the people in charge can understand how old the child is, where they have come from and what they will need to keep them healthy and safe.

## Leave to remain

If the child is under 17, they are given leave to remain, which means they can stay in the UK and will be looked after until they are old enough to look after themselves.

This often means they are placed with a foster family who look after them as though they are part of their family. They can start going to a local school and they can start to make a life for themselves here in the UK.

Many of the children stay around Kent and Dover in the south of England because that is where they first arrive. In the past year Kent has placed nearly 1,000 children in homes in that area.

Ruth travelled from Eritrea to England. Like many of the child refugees, she travelled thousands of miles alone and experienced many difficult things along the way.

