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CHALLENGING MISCONCEPTIONS EMBEDDING GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES IN A 3RD YEAR FRENCH MODULE

Global in their outlook and socially responsible:

- Community minded and aware of international perspectives
- Understanding and embracing of difference
- Ethical in their decision making

BACKGROUND

French Proficiency module for final year students returning after study abroad. In the past the module content has been based

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1. Play a pro-active role in discussions on a range of topics in an appropriate register and make themselves understood with relative ease.
- 2. Understand extended speech of some degree of complexity and abstraction, and summarise the key points. 3. Understand a range of texts of some degree of complexity and abstraction comprising specialised texts written for a non-specialist audience, and note key points. 4. Produce texts on a range of topics in an appropriate register, using a range of appropriate concrete and abstract vocabulary. 5. Critically evaluate one aspect of the culture where the language is used.

on French slang and dialect, building on the students' experiences of living in France.

NEW CONTENT

Students read a novel and watch a film, both set in Calais. We discuss the current situation in France with the help of French websites and source material from Amnesty International. This approach also edits out plagiarism in the assessment, as the essay involves fresh thinking which cannot be found online: comparing and contrasting the novel, the film and the current situation.



The material from Amnesty **Belgium** presents 10 misconceptions and

counters each one with



A l'abri de rien (2007) A woman's life is changed when she starts volunteering at a centre for migrant welfare.



STUDENT FEEDBACK

The new format was in response to student requests a) to read a novel and b) to discuss more current events.

Unfortunately the main content came after the mid-term review, so there is little specific data on the student response, but students said afterwards that they felt much better informed about the migrant crisis.



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Rapports d'Amnesty International, www.amnesty.



Malgré ce que peuvent laisser croire les images montrant des arrivées massives de migrants, la réalité est tout autre et les chiffres parlent

La majorité des migrants se trouvent dans les pays du Sud. Ceux qu fuient des conflits se trouvent en grande partie dans les pays limitrophe

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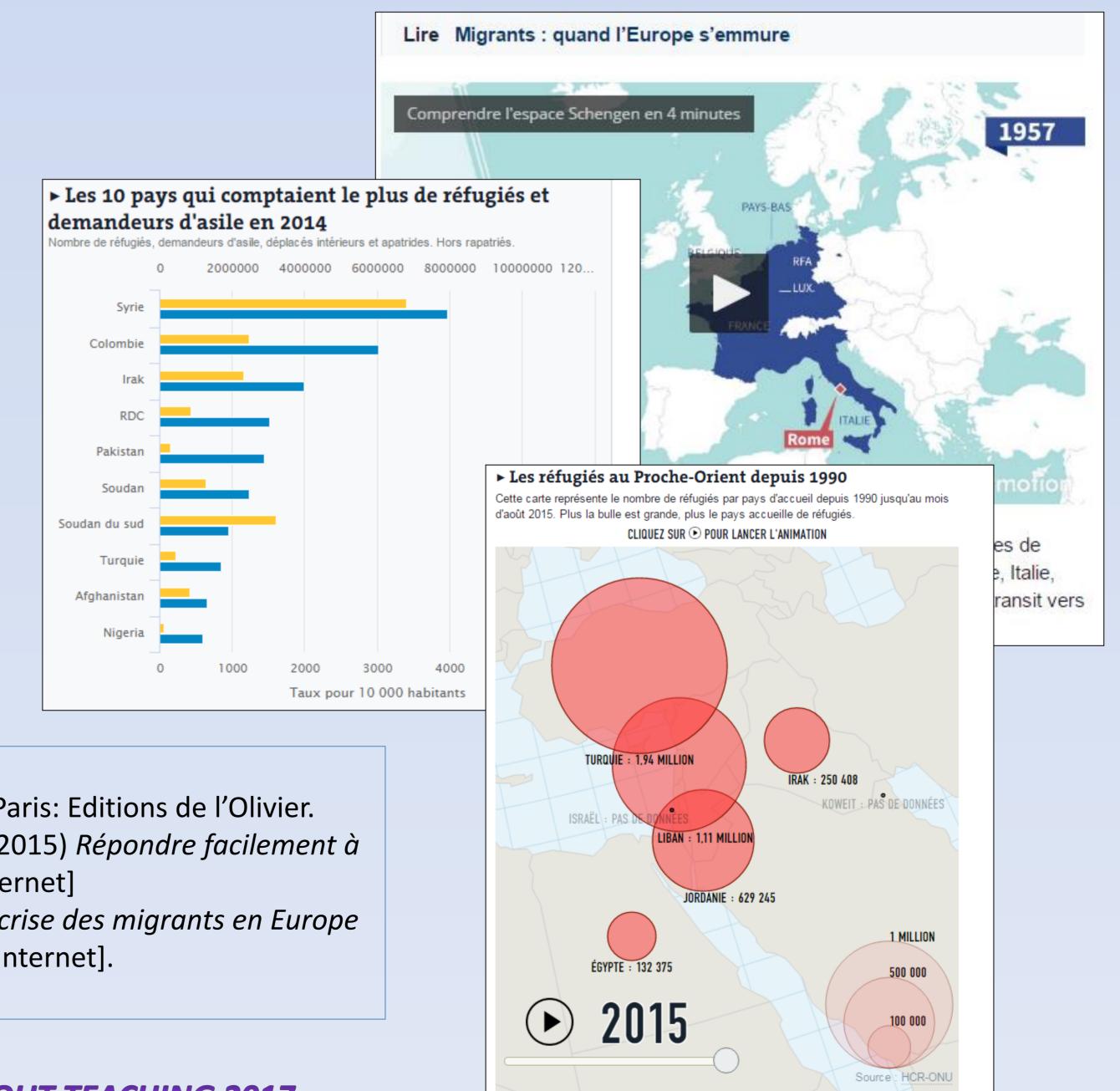
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DES ARRIVÉES DE MIGRANTS EN EUROPE

A swimming instructor's life is changed when he befriends a teenage migrant who wants to swim the Channel.

> **Other source material** includes videos, maps and graphics explaining issues such as:

- how Schengen works
- why migrants come to Europe
- how many refugees are accepted by different countries



WHAT NEXT?

Following the dismantling of the camp in Calais last year, I will need to decide whether to continue using this content, treating it as historical but with relevance to the global migrant situation, or whether to choose new content.

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