

Thursday 1st April

LO: Poetry Comprehension

ANSWERS

Retrieval

- 1) Find 3 adjectives that show how Zephaniah describes his home
Any from: musical / beautiful / ancient / sunny, sandy

Words in context

- 2) Which lines in stanza 1 gives an impression of social unrest and disruption?
my brother has been tortured
By my brother
- 3) Find 2 verbs in stanza 2 which show he and his people are not wanted
Hate / don't like / ban

Text structure

- 4) The stanza structure in stanza 5. What do you notice? Why does the poet do this?
The stanza moves away from the 4 line pattern and has 8 lines. He does this to make the reader focus on the main theme of the poem- that anyone can become a refugee.

Inference

- 5) What do you think the poet means when he says in stanza 4: '*And the people I once knew are not there now*'?
It suggests that they have moved on because they are refugees now. It could also mean that they have been killed by the unrest in his country (stanza 1 link)
- 6) What do you think the poet means when he says: '*we can all be refugees*'
Zephaniah is suggesting that this could happen to each and every one of us, whether through civil unrest, bad weather or just bad luck.