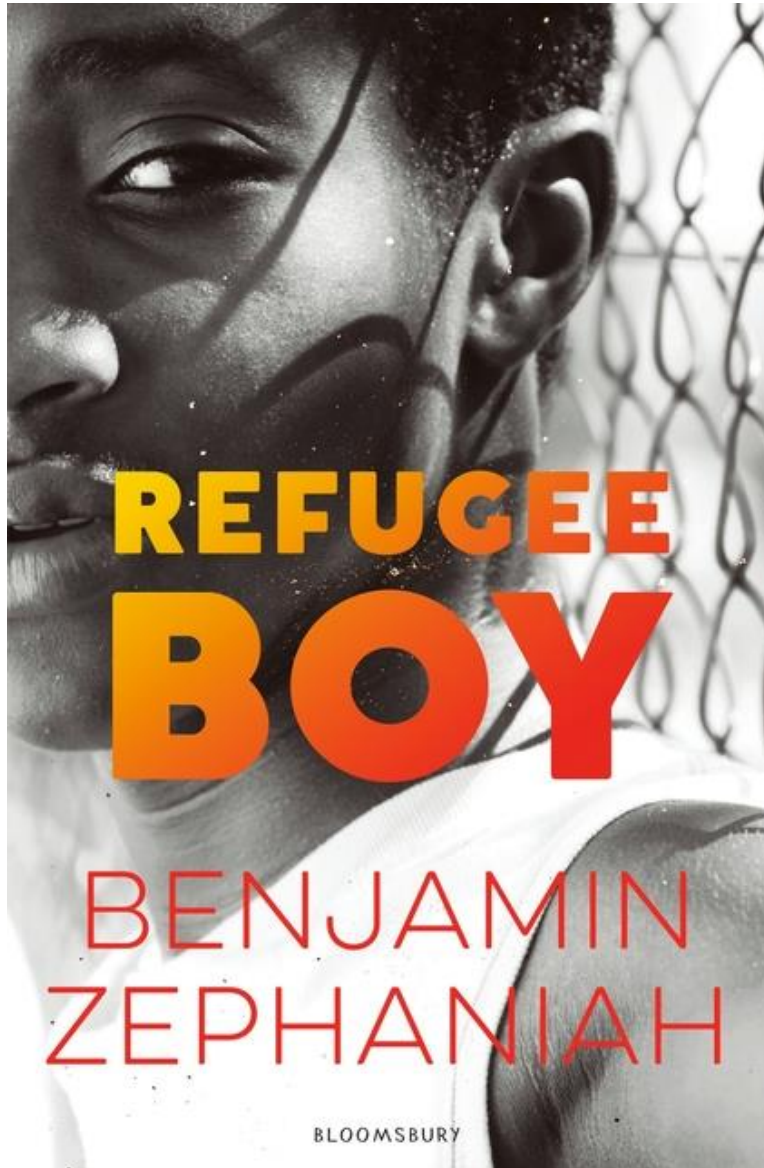
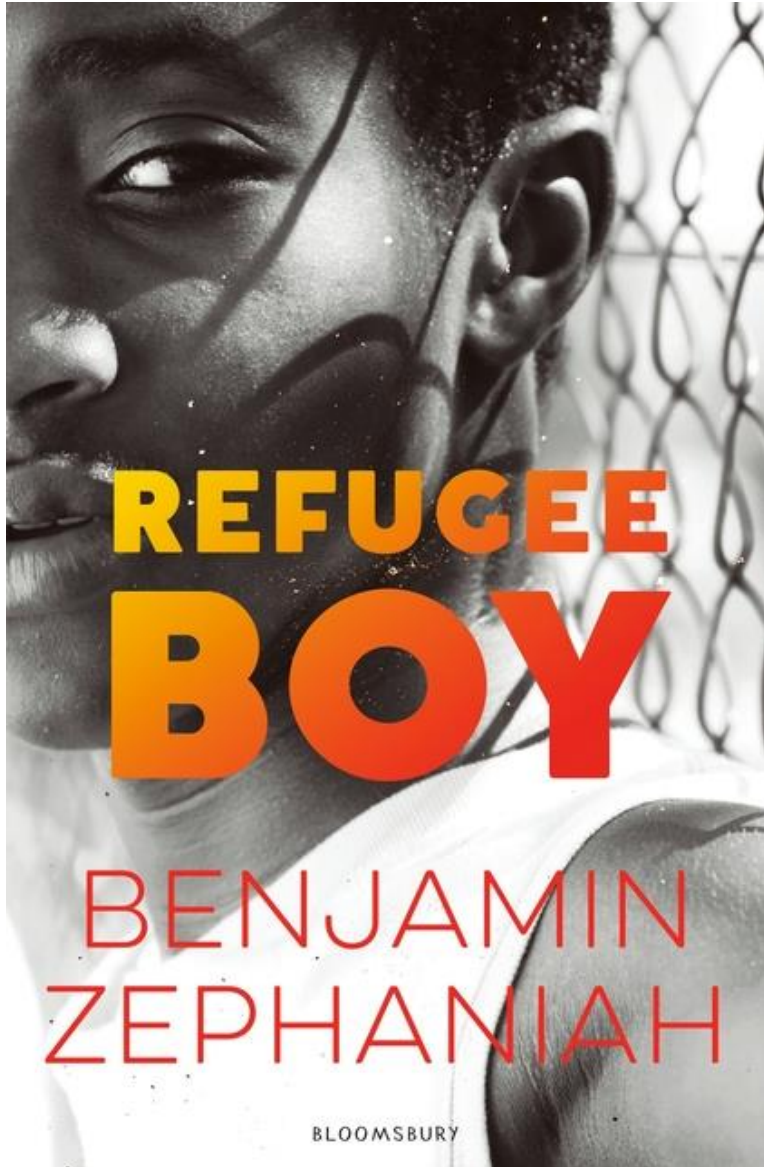


Read the extract on the next page from the book *Refugee Boy* then complete the tasks on the following slide. You can complete your work on some paper- you don't need to print anything.



My name is Alem Kelo. I live with the Fitzgeralds, my foster family, at 202 Meanly Road, Manor Park, London. I have also lived in Ethiopia and Eritrea. I have spent a few nights in a hotel in Datchet, one night in a children's home in Reading, and for a short while I stayed in a hotel in Forest Gate, which was a bit rough. I have stayed in all these places in the last year. To be really honest I would prefer to live in Africa with my mother and my father but they have both been killed and there is a war in my country. Things are very hard for me. Look at me, look at all the things that I am capable of, and think of all the things you could call me – a student, a lover of literature, a budding architect, a friend, a symbol of hope even, but what am I called? A refugee. Some people believe that I gave up my homeland and lost my parents in order to become a refugee; some people actually believe that I gave up thirteen months of sunshine to live in the cold and to be called a scrounger. I didn't. Circumstances beyond my control brought me here, and all that I can do now is pick myself up and try my best to make something of what is left of my life. If good can come from bad, I'll make it. Fortunately, I have some good friends and a family that cares about me so I am not alone. I'm going to get some qualifications, a bike, and a girlfriend maybe, and if I'm able to, some time in the future I shall repay all that this country has given me. I am not a beggar, I am not bogus. My name is Alem Kelo. This is not The End.



Task 1

Your task is to read the extract from Refugee boy and come up with inference questions that you would like to ask the boy and write him a letter.