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**CLAIRE BOWERMAN, GRADE 5
SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND
HONOURABLE MENTION**

MEMORIES

My memories are all I have
Doing the chores
Around the camp.
Fear of war
Still haunts me.
Fear of bombs
Fear of death.
Fear is all that keeps me going
Hoping, hoping
That one day
Home is where I will be.
Left my home
My family
My friends,
My life.
Start over
It's what they said
When they came
And they said
We were leaving.
Soon they said,
Soon.
My memories,
My prized possessions.



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**RYKAA SHETTY, GRADE 6
LYNN-ROSE IB WORLD SCHOOL
HONOURABLE MENTION**

A REFUGEE'S SOUL

Hearts filled with sorrow
Eyes pouring out tears
Screams of fear is all they hear

Bodies filled with scratches
Hands tremble with fright
Yet inside, they are always filled with might

They're strong and brave
The adventurous kind too
They suffer and suffer
But still come through

These people are refugees
And to them I salute
My hands and legs shaking
Knowing what they've been through





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**RYAN TORISAWA, GRADE 6
AURORA MONTESSORI SCHOOL
HONOURABLE MENTION**

CAUGHT IN WAR

My parents always tell me, I'm lucky...
Lucky to live in a great country like Canada,
Lucky to have a loving family and home,
Lucky to have a good education,
Lucky to have... a future in my own country.

I never really thought about this until recently,
Sadly, not every country is like Canada,
Recent airstrikes in Syria made me aware that war still exists,
Syria's civil war has been destroying its own people.

Millions have been forced to leave their homes,
And...
Millions have fled as refugees,
Half of those affected are innocent children.

Unlike me, they are...
Unlucky to have witnessed violence in Syria,
Unlucky to have lost their family and home,
Unlucky to have no education,
Unlucky to have... no future in their own country.