Ted Talk Assignment

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Hyenose Lee grew up in North Korea but, escaped to China in 1997. In 2008, after more than 10years there, she came Seoul, South Korea, where she struggled to adjust to life in the bustling city. North Korean defectors often have a hard time in a South Korea, she noted in the Wall Street Journal: “We defectors have to start from scratch. Prejudice against North Koreans and icy stares were other obstacles that were hard to cope with.”

Now a student at Hankuk University of foreign studies, she has become an advocate for fellow refugees, even helping close relatives leave North Korea after they were targeted. Her dream is to work at UN or at NGO that advocates for the human rights of North Koreans, including the right to be treated as political refugees.

We believe the message is;

We believe it is an effective video because it shows people how other Countries operate. It shows that we should be happy to live in a country like Canada. If you look at how Hyenose life was, it wasn’t good; she was running for her life. Here in Canada, we have laws that protect us against violence. I believe that this video opens up eyes to people and shows that our lives are different from many countries.