

Reading Guide for **Finding Peace**

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*Summary: "Finding Peace" follows Sajeda Bahadurmia, a young mother from Myanmar who is establishing a home for herself and her family in Australia.*

**A. Review the key vocabulary words**

Rohingya Muslim, persecution, residency, oppression

**B. As you read, use details from the text to respond to the following questions:**

1. Why did Sajeda and her family leave Myanmar?
2. What are some of the challenges she faced while trying to leave Myanmar?
3. What does Asma, Sajeda's 16-year-old daughter, mean when she says "You can't trust the nights?"
4. What services did the Australian government provide for Sajeda's family, and other Rohingya refugees who were living in the country?
5. How do Asma and Sajeda feel about their lives in Australia?

**C. Write or discuss your responses to the following questions:**

1. How do you think the Australian government's support of Sajeda and her family have impacted how their migration experience, and how they feel about living in the country? Do you think all governments should adopt a similar attitude about migrants? Why or why not?
2. The article concludes with Sajeda embracing the idea of freedom. What does freedom look like in her life? What does it look like in yours?