General questions

1. What underlying social issues can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?

2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

1. Labman says that the Safe Third Country agreement between the U.S. and Canada incentivizes migrants to cross between ports of entry to seek asylum. Could the agreement be amended to avoid incentivizing such crossings? How so?

2. Unlike the U.S and Mexico where there is great disparity in economic and living conditions, Canada and the United States have roughly equivalent standards of living. Why do people choose to cross in one direction or the other?

2. Beyond the weather and terrain, what are some differences between the U.S. - Canada border and the U.S. - Mexico border? What are some similarities?
3. Do you think that fewer migrants would undertake the journey to cross the border if they knew that they could face such harsh conditions? Why or why not?