

Some Ideas for Class Activities

1. Explore how the media covers the issue of poverty. Collect newspaper clippings over a period of weeks. Which countries are mentioned in the stories? Where are they on the map? Where else does poverty exist? Is Australia a nation with poverty? What do you feel when you look at the photos? What is the effect of poverty? What causes poverty?
2. Find out the nutritional value in a bowl of rice including energy levels, carbohydrates etc. Compare this to the Australian recommended daily requirement for your age.
3. Design a healthy balanced breakfast, lunch and dinner that meets the recommended daily intake and work out its cost. How does that compare with Australian incomes?
4. Use art to convey your response to an poverty-related issue you have read about.
5. Choose an organisation working to alleviate poverty and describe its activities (for some links see <http://www.aefederal.org.au/Campaigns/APWorgweb2008.pdf>)
6. What can you find out about the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty?
7. What can you find out about Anti-Poverty Week in Australia www.antipovertyweek.org.au, ?
8. Do the World Bank Poverty Quiz at www.worldbank.org/poverty/quiz/index.htm.
9. Find out what you can about the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.
10. Discuss some causes of poverty (see eg www.globalissues.org/traderelated/poverty.asp).
11. Choose one aspect of poverty (eg hunger, homelessness) and write about it.
12. Choose one country and describe the effects of poverty and what is being done to alleviate it (see eg www.globaleducation.edna.edu.au).
13. Describe some things that are being done to alleviate poverty (see eg <http://www.globaleducation.edna.edu.au/globaled/go/cache/offonce/pid/181.jsessionid=F3E7CF836E09E2D7F65620AAB47C54DC>).
14. Describe Australia's Aid Program (see www.ausaid.gov.au/default.cfm).
15. What can you find out about poverty in Australia (see <http://www.aefederal.org.au/Campaigns/APWorgweb2008.pdf>)
16. Look at the Report of the Senate Inquiry into Poverty and Financial Hardship in Australia. Choose one issue that it talked about and discuss it (www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_cte/poverty/report/index.htm).
17. What are the links between poverty and education in Australia (<http://www.aefederal.org.au/Campaigns/Poveducation.pdf>)

Curriculum materials and resources

For prepared curriculum materials and resources see the Schools page at www.antipovertyweek.org.au, or search "poverty lesson plans" in your preferred search engine for a wide variety of resources.