
EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

The Education Pillar Activity

Concluding Activity

- **Purpose:** The purpose of this activity is to educate students on Free The Children's education pillar in order to learn about ways communities around the world can be freed from exploitation.
- **Instructional method(s):** class discussion, partner work, class presentation
- **Differentiated instruction:**
 - Simplified: Teacher demonstrates what the different projects look like prior to partner work.
 - Advanced: Students work independently on their poster.
- **Curriculum connections:** Grades 4 – 8, The Arts, Health and Physical Education Program, Language, Science and Technology and Social Studies.
- **Estimated time:** 1 hour
- **Steps:**
 1. Tell students that Free The Children works in a variety of ways to help break down the barriers to education and free children from exploitation. Show the class the following video to provide further information about Free The Children's Adopt A Village, Education pillar: <http://www.freethechildren.com/whatwedo/international/aav/education/>
 2. After viewing this video, ask the students to reflect on the ways in which Free The Children is working to free communities from exploitation.
 3. Divide the class into pairs.
 4. Explain to pairs that every country and community faces different challenges whether it's high prevalence of child labour, the isolation of rural communities, or the lack of quality education. Based on these challenges Free The Children chooses an appropriate education project that will help free the specific community from exploitation. Note to students that these projects are continually evolving as new technologies are developed and needs arise.
 5. Explain that each pair is going to choose an education project Free The Children has implemented in one of the seven countries they work in. When they have chosen their project, they must work together to create a poster that shows how this type of education project frees communities from exploitation.
 6. Allow students to choose one of the following education projects:
 - Primary schools – building new primary schools providing accessible primary education to community youth.
 - Secondary schools – building new secondary schools providing accessible secondary education to community youth.
 - Teacher accommodations – building teacher accommodations in schools. This retains quality and experienced teachers in the community.
 - Teacher training – provide teachers with proper training to increase their capacity to run a school and educate community youth.
 - Renovations – reconstruct old, run-down schools by adding large windows and creating classrooms that are bright, roomy and safe.



- School equipment – ensuring schools are equipped with all the necessities for learning including furniture, school supplies and updated curriculum materials. As well as adding libraries, computer labs and science labs to schools in order to create a more advanced learning environment.
- 7. When pairs have completed their posters, ask them to explain their education project to the class, outlining its benefits and how it works.
- 8. Display completed posters around the school to educate the student body on projects helping to free communities around the world from exploitation.

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