

## October 16<sup>th</sup> is World Hunger Day- Educator Resource Guide

### **Background**

Around the world, 870 million people do not have enough to eat, according to the U.N. World Food Program. With the current population estimated at 7 billion and expected to reach 9 billion by the middle of the century, some programs are focused on coming up with ways to feed an ever-growing population. (Source: [World Food Programme](#))

**Who:** 870 million people go hungry daily including women, children and rural inhabitants in particular.

**What:** Hunger and malnutrition leads to earlier mortality rates and decreased productivity.

**Where:** All over the world and specifically,

- 553 million in Asia and the Pacific
- 223 million in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 47 million in Latin America and the Caribbean
- 4 million in the Near East and North Africa
- 16 million in developed countries

**When:** Today approximately 870 million people do not get enough to eat, though this number has fallen by 156 million since 1990.

**Why:** Causes such as nature, war, the poverty trap, agricultural infrastructure, and over-exploitation of environment all play a role in global hunger.

### **Warm Up Questions**

1. What do you know about the problem of world hunger? What does it actually mean when you hear that 870 million people go hungry every day?
2. Where do you think that the hunger problem is most concentrated? Why?
3. What is the effect of long-term malnutrition on a person? How about on a nation?

### **Discussion Questions**

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1. What efforts are being made to combat the global hunger crisis? Which do you think has the most hope of success?
2. What do you think is the biggest barrier to overcome in facing the world hunger problem? How would you solve it?
3. Is there anything you can do personally to help solve the problem on a global or local level?

### **Writing Prompts**

1. Imagine that you are a child growing up in a developing country with a hunger problem. Write about a day in your life from start to end in the narrative style. You should demonstrate through your work an understanding of the world hunger problem as well as its application to every day life for those effected.

### **Other Related Materials**

Article

Interactive Map

Videos:

“What is hunger?”( Source: World Food Programme)

<http://www.wfp.org/hunger/what-is>

“More Food Assistance Needed In CAR”( Source: World Food Programme)

<http://www.wfp.org/videos/more-food-assistance-needed-car>

“Portraits of Hunger” (PBS)

<http://video.pbs.org/video/2198222432/>