

AROUND THE WORLD BOOK BY BOOK with Author Valerie Biel

ISSUES AROUND THE WORLD

Resources by topic

Students can make a difference in the world around them whether it is by getting involved in a local effort or a larger global initiative. This handout highlights nine global issues, giving links to resources for the classroom and how students can get involved further.

Multi-faceted websites for topical information, teaching activities, videos, images, and statistics:

<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/resources-gallery/resource-gallery-teaching-activities.html>

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/>

<http://www.nea.org/home/37409.htm>

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/global-education-resources>

<https://www.rescue.org/where-we-work>

Animal Rights

The Issue: Each year more animals are endangered either by their homes being destroyed or by other actions like poaching.

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/the-issues/animal-rights>

<http://www.onegreenplanet.org/animalsandnature/fantastic-organizations-fighting-to-protect-endangered-species/>

Disaster Preparedness/Disaster Relief

When disaster strikes, there's often little to no warning. Natural disasters like earthquakes, floods, droughts or a manmade crisis like war, destroy homes and disrupt the ability for people to get food, water, and healthcare.

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/the-issues/disaster-relief>

<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/teaching-activity/disasters-consequences-and-responses.html>

Education

There are many barriers to education around the world, poverty and gender discrimination are just two in a very long list.

<https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/10-barriers-to-education-around-the-world-2/>

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/the-issues/education>

<https://www.rescue.org/outcome/education>

Environment

From climate fluctuation to combatting pollution there are things we can do in our everyday lives to help protect the environment.

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/the-issues/go-green>

EarthEcho International is a nonprofit organization founded on the belief that youth have the power to change our planet. Established by siblings Philippe and Alexandra Cousteau in honor of their father Philippe Cousteau Sr., and grandfather legendary explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau, our mission is to inspire young people worldwide to act now for a sustainable future.

<http://earthecho.org/>

Food

Today one in six people do not have enough food to meet their energy needs each day. Locally, students could get involved in a food drive for the local food pantry or start a food pantry in their own school to help feed their fellow students on the weekends and during school breaks.

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/the-issues/food>

Read to Feed program at Heifer International:

<https://www.heifer.org/readtofeed/index.html>

<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/teaching-activity/food-for-the-world-up.html>

Health Care

Access to healthcare is a major issue across the globe and particularly for people who live in rural communities where the closest doctor may be a day's walk away.

<https://www.rescue.org/outcome/health>

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/the-issues/health>

Human Rights

Human rights are those basic rights to which all humans are entitled – to be treated with dignity and equality, free from violence and abuse, and with access to basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter.

<https://www.rescue.org/outcome/power>

<https://www.rescue.org/outcome/safety>

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/the-issues/human-rights>

Children's Rights <http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/teaching-activity/basic-needs-and-childrens-rights-lp.html>

Poverty/Community Development

Economic wellbeing means people have their most basic survival needs met and have sustainable income that allows them to thrive. Many programs that work on this issue provide microfinancing or small loans that give people the help they need to change their income for the better long term.

Heifer international: <https://www.heifer.org/>

<https://www.rescue.org/outcome/economic-wellbeing>

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/the-issues/microfinance>

<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/teaching-activity/microfinance.html>

Water

It is estimated that today 1 billion people live without access to clean, safe drinking water. Many people have to walk for hours each day just to collect enough water to survive.

<http://www.kidsgoglobal.net/the-issues/water>

Earth Echo water challenge: <http://www.monitorwater.org/>

From a Discussion of "A Long Walk to Water":

<http://www.waterforsouthsudan.org/alwtw-textbased-activities/>

<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/teaching-activity/access-to-safe-water-and-sanitation-up.html>

<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/global-issues/gi-water-and-sanitation.html>

<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/teaching-activity/the-safe-water-challenge-7-8.html>