

Global Human Rights Resources for Teachers & Parents

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CARE International

www.care.org Brings emergency relief to people living in poor conditions and supports and implements development projects and relief efforts around the world in hopes of overcoming poverty. There are a number of projects for volunteers to get involved in.

Children's International Summer Villages

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Compassionate Kids Inc.

www.compassionatekids.com/activism.shtml : Dedicated to helping teach children compassion towards the earth, people, and animals. The website has articles, book reviews, and free activities. Local chapters across the country host compassion-oriented field trips and community service events monthly.

Cyber School Bus

www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/student/2005/theme.asp : The idea of water as a human right was the topic of discussion at the 2005 Student Conference on Human Rights. Here you can read statistics on the number of people who do not have clean water to use and how that affects their health and way of life.

Global Exchange

www.globalexchange.org : The website for this U.S.-based organization features great research and campaigns on a range of human rights and economic rights issues. Check out their educational "reality tours" across the U.S. and Mexico.

Human Rights First

www.humanrightsfirst.org/ : A non-profit, nonpartisan international human rights organization based in New York and Washington, D.C. that believes building respect for human rights and the rule of law will help ensure the dignity to which every individual is entitled and will stem tyranny, extremism, intolerance, and violence.

International Peace Bureau

www.ipb.org : This world-renowned international peace federation brings together people from across the globe working for peace. Find out how to become a member and get involved in their programs.

National Geographic Kids

magma.nationalgeographic.com/ngexplorer/0601/quickflicks/index.html :

Shows a short movie about the Underground Railroad, a passage from south to north leading thousands of slaves to freedom.

New Dream Action Network

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www.reachandteach.com : Ready-to-use social justice curriculum for young people to research and experience the issues of poverty. Detailed lesson plans and 34 reproducible handouts.

Read to Feed

www.readtofeed.org : Interactive games, curriculum, and classroom activities on global issues and solutions to poverty.

RESULTS

www.action.org : Background information on poverty in the U.S. and the world, as well as action tips.

Southern Poverty Law Center

www.tolerance.org : Contains articles and resources that teach about poverty and discrimination. The curriculum, "The Power of Words" uses simple exercises to teach about common misperceptions and stereotypes.

Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE)

www.nationalsave.org/ : A student-initiated program that promotes nonviolence within schools and communities. SAVE provides education about the effects and consequences of violence and helps provide safe activities for students, parents, and communities.

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Bullying**Bully B'ware**

www.bullybeware.com: Information, stories and action plans on bullying and strategies for safer schools.

Mix It Up

www.tolerance.org: A project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, Mix It Up is an action kit designed to get kids thinking about cliques in their schools and encourage them to "mix it up" in the cafeteria, on the playground, and in the streets.

Pacer Center's Kids Against Bullying

www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org: Play games, watch videos, enter contests, read other kids' experiences and learn how to spot and stop bullying.

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Stop Bullying Now

<http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.asp>: Interactive website designed to teach students how to identify, prevent, and recover from bullying. It includes original "webisodes" – mini cartoons that depict examples of bullying

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Disabilities

Creative Therapy Store

www.creativetherapystore.com/ : The Creative Therapy Store provides therapeutic games, books, and toys. The materials are designed to help children express themselves through creative play.

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BOOK LIST:

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FAVORITE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN ABOUT CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

"Imagine a world without disability, where human differences aren't measured as flaws and people are accepted for who they are."

Autism

Autism Through a Sister's Eyes by Eve B. Band and Emily Hecht. Emily is the 9 year old sister of 11 year old Daniel who is diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. She describes what it is like from her perspective, as well as giving age appropriate explanations of her brother's diagnosis.

Ages 9-12

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon. This novel is about a 15 year old boy with high functioning autism. Christopher Boone is an autistic math genius who decides

to be like his idol Sherlock Holmes, as he sets out to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbor's poodle.

Adolescent

Asperger's Syndrome, The Universe and Everything: Kenneth's Book, by Kenneth Hall. This is a story of a ten year old boy. It offers an insight into the life of an individual with this disorder, in a frank and humorous way.

Blue Bottle Mystery: An Asperger's Adventure by Kathy Hoopman. Ben, who has Asperger's Syndrome, and his friend, Andy, find an old bottle in the school yard, and realize the surprises about to be unleashed in their lives. A mystery story that also deals sensitively with how Ben and his family deal with the challenges that Asperger's Syndrome presents.

Elementary

Asperger's Huh? A Child's Perspective by Rosina G. Schnurr. One of the best children's books that deals with Asperger's Syndrome.

Andy and His Yellow Frisbee by Mary Thompson. (Woodbine House, 1996). Andy has Autism and has a fascination with objects in motion. It is Andy's special talent for spinning his frisbee combined with a new classmate's curiosity about his behavior that sets this story in motion.

Ages 5-8

Trevor, Trevor by Diane Twachtman-Cullen. (Starfish Press, 1998). This book is designed to be read to children by adults. The character is not labeled as "autistic" or "PDD", which gives the reader flexibility in discussing the story.

Ages 6-9

Blind and Visually Impaired

Seeing Things My Way by Alden R. Carter. (Albert Whitman and Company, 1998). A second grader describes the equipment and adaptations she uses to cope with her visual impairment.

Ages 6-8

A Cane in Her Hand by Ada Litchfield. (Whitman Company, 1977). A young girl tells the story of how she gradually lost her vision and learned to adapt with a cane, and eventually gains the companionship of a service dog.

Ages 9-10

Knots on a Counting Rope by Bill Martin and John Archambault. (Henry Holt and Company). A beautiful story told in poetry form of a Native American boy being born visually impaired, describing how he uses his other senses to "see".

Ages 6-9

Sarah's Sleepover by Bobbie Rodriguez. (Penguin Group, 2000). When the lights go out while her cousins are spending the night, a young blind girl shows them how to adapt when it is too dark to see.

Ages 5-8

Deafness and Hearing Impaired

Mandy by Barbara Booth. (Lothrop, Lee, and Shepherd Books, NY, 1991). Mandy is a girl who is deaf that shares a special relationship with her grandmother.

Ages 8-10

Dad and Me in the Morning by Patricia Lakin. (Concept Books,1994). A deaf child and his father share a special morning by watching a sunrise at the beach.

Ages 4-7

Moses Goes to School by Isaac Millman. (Farrar,Frances Foster Books, 2000). Moses, who is deaf, goes to his first day of school where he begins to learn ASL to communicate.

Ages 5-9

I Have a Sister. My Sister is Deaf by Jeannne Whitehouse Peterson. (Harper and Row, NY, 1977). This story is about two sisters, one who is deaf. It shows the differences and similarities of the worlds of the hearing and the deaf.

Ages 6+

Down Syndrome/ Developmental Disabilities

Be Kind to Eddie Lee by Virginia Fleming. (Philomel Books, NY, 1993). A girl learns the value of her friend, Eddie, a neighbor with Down Syndrome.

Ages 8-11

Way to Go, Alex! by Robin Pulver. (Whitman, IL, 1999). A young girl describes the negative impact on her life of having a brother who is cognitively disabled. By the end of the story she also sees the assets that he has to offer.

Ages 6-8

We'll Paint the Octopus Red by Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen. Woodbine House, 1998. Emma and her father talk about what they will do when the new baby arrives, and all the things he is still able to do when he is born with Down syndrome.

Ages 4-8

My Friend Isabelle by Eliza Woloson. (Woodbine House, 2003). Charlie and Isabelle are friends. They like to do many of the same things. Isabelle has Down syndrome, but as Charlie tells his mom it is differences that make the world so great.

Ages 4-8

Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

Taking Seizure Disorders to School by Kim Gosselin. (JayJo Books, 2nd edition,2002). Gives fact based information on Epilepsy in a positive, upbeat way.

Ages 5-10.

Halsey's Pride by Lynn Hall. (MacMillan Publishing Company, 1990). Thirteen year old March Halsey has two goals when she leaves her mother's house to go live with her father: one is to keep her Epilepsy a secret, and the other is to help her father make his dog kennel successful.

Ages 10+

Becky the Brave: a Story About Epilepsy by Laurie Lears. (A. Whitman, 2002). Becky is brave in her shy younger sister's Sarah's eyes. Becky has a seizure, and her classmates stare and laugh. Sarah overcomes her shyness and goes to Becky's classroom to explain about Epilepsy.

Ages 5-9

General Focus on Disabilities

Don't Call Me Special: A First Look at Disabilities. by Pat Thomas. (Barron Educational Series, 2002). Explores questions and concerns about disabilities in a simple and reassuring way. Children find out what a disability is and learn how people deal with their disabilities to live happy and full lives.

Ages 4-8

Extraordinary Friends by Fred Rogers. (Puffin Books, 2000). Focus on how to befriend those who walk, talk, learn, or behave in ways considered different from the norm.

Ages 4-8

All Kinds of Friends, Even Green! by Ellen Senisi. Moses and Zaki are friends. Zaki's an iguana, and

she has special needs, just like Moses. Wonderful photographs support this children's story and its subtle message of inclusion.

Ages 5-10

Physical Disabilities

Someone Special Just Like You by Tricia Brown. (Owlet, Reprint edition, 1995). Simple text with photos showing a variety of children with a variety of abilities learning and playing.

Ages 4-7

Teens with Physical Disabilities by Glenn Alan Cheney. (Enslow Publishing 1995). Biographical narratives told in the first person by teenagers with a **variety of disabilities**.

Ages 12+

Mama Zooms by Jane Cowen-Fletcher. (Scholastic, Inc. NY, 1993). This story shows how a little boy experiences riding with his mother on her wheelchair as an adventure.

Ages 3-6

Sara's Secret by Suzanne Wanous (Carolrhoda Books, Minneapolis, MN, 1995) Sara has a younger brother with Cerebral Palsy, who is developmentally disabled. She is afraid to have the kids in her new school find out about her brother, but takes a chance and talks about her brother during a discussion on disabilities.

Ages 9+

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Conflict Resolution/Peace

Beyond Intractability

www.beyondintractability.org : Make information on conflict resolution and stories from those who have solved similar problems more widely and freely accessible, so people are not forced to "reinvent the wheel" when making a peace building effort.

Challenge Day: Be the Change

www.challengeday.org/ : A one-day experience that ranges from silly and fun to serious and life-changing, Challenge Day is an event you and your students should not miss. Students laugh together, cry together, reconcile differences, share sadness and joy, and learn more about diversity, relationships, and love than they ever could from any classroom lesson. The Challenge Day program is designed to help stop the violence and alienation that youth face every day. The program tears down the walls of separation, creates connection and support among participants, and inspires people to live in an environment of compassion, acceptance, and respect.

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International Day of Peace

www.internationaldayofpeace.org/ : September 21st is the International Day of Peace. Get ideas, info, activities, and organizing tips on how you can celebrate.

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Anti-discrimination/Racism/Equality

Anti-Slavery

www.anti-slavery.org: Campaigns for the freedom of millions of people worldwide who are trapped in situations of slavery or slavery-like practices.

Association for the Elimination of Hate

www.londonagainsthate.org: This organization, based in London, Ontario, focuses locally on making the city prejudice-free (offers support lines, educates, etc). Includes a comprehensive links section.

National Geographic Kids

www.nationalgeographic.com: Shows a short movie about the Underground Railroad, a passage from south to north leading thousands of slaves to freedom.

Teachers Against Prejudice

Teachersagainstoprejudice.org: A non-profit group dedicated to fighting prejudice, intolerance and bigotry through education. TAP helps teachers address issues of sensitivity and respect concerning diversity in the classroom. Provides trained professionals to teach students how to confront prejudice.

.Tolerance.org

Tolerance.org: The Southern Poverty Law Center created Tolerance.org which is dedicated to fighting hate and promoting tolerance. The site features sections for kids, teens, parents, and teachers. Click on "For Teens" to learn 10 Ways to Fight Hate and order a free "Mix It Up Handbook" to start a dialogue on the social climate in your school.

Immigration

American Refugee Committee

www.arcrelief.org : A Minnesota-based organization, the American Refugee Committee works with refugees, displaced people, and those at risk to help them survive crises and rebuild lives of dignity, health, security, and self-sufficiency.

Doctors Without Borders

www.doctorswithoutborders.org : Bracelet of Life Campaign. Students can see how doctors use this bracelet to test for malnutrition.

Refugee Camp Virtual Tour

www.doctorswithoutborders.org : Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has created an outdoor educational exhibit called "A Refugee".

Economic Justice/Poverty**Adbusters**

www.adbusters.org : Features the online version of the popular bimonthly magazine, along with engaging consumer action campaigns, including annual Buy Nothing Day. Peruse the gallery of spoof ads and culture jams, enter your own creative contest submissions, and download hilarious stickers and banner ads.

Behind the Label

www.behindthelabel.org : This multi-media magazine and online community features extensive information on labor conditions in the garment industry. The site includes in-depth profiles of international sweatshop struggles, mini-documentaries and photos, facts about sweatshop retailers and opinion pages.

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Kids Can Make a Difference

www.kidscanmakeadifference.org : Helps students understand and respond to hunger and poverty issues at home. Has hunger facts, a quiz, and action tips. Contains an innovative teacher guide with 25 lessons for grades 7-12, focusing on the root causes of poverty.

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Street Kids International

www.streetkids.org : Works to help the international poverty crisis and get kids off the street. Check out the IMPRINT programs in the Global Education section for some great ideas.

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