



Conflict Resolution

Action: bake sale funding Syrian charities

The classic cycle of violence, which ensures that conflict follows conflict, has roughly seven stages: an atrocity is committed resulting in shock and terror, fear and grief follow, and then anger, hatred hardening into bitterness, followed by revenge and retaliation, resulting in a further atrocity. In recent times this cycle has been evident in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in Rwanda and repeatedly in different regions of former Yugoslavia.

source: Dr Scilla Elworthy (2001)

Global Issue:

Many countries go to war as a way of resolving conflict, leading to great costs for all involved. What alternative strategies can be used to resolve conflict more peacefully?

Can you investigate an international situation where alternative measures were used to resolve conflict more peacefully (e.g. Gandhi)?

Can you identify different strategies that could be used to resolve conflict more peacefully? Which ones have been successful?

Local Action:

Could you apply your findings to our school? What strategies could be used to help resolve conflict amongst students more peacefully? Can you suggest ways to help raise awareness and practice some of the skills that would lead to a more empathetic school community?

GLOBAL CHALLENGE

Our global topic is Conflict Resolution and the topic we have decided to investigate in is The Syrian Civil War in 2020.

Due to the conflict over 5.6 million people/refugees have fled the country since 2011. There are about 13.1 million people in need of help, 6.6 internationally displaced people and about 3 million people in hard-to-reach and besieged areas. This has a big impact all over the world. Millions of people will continue to die because of this conflict.

COVID-19 is only increasing the death rate as most people don't have healthcare in Syria due to the conflict. Millions of people are suffering every day as human rights are being disregarded and ignored.

LOCAL ACTION

Our local action is a bake sale with food from Syria to help raise money that will then be given to a charity to help the refugees and Syrian people.

Our other action that will be done later on is creating a website with stats, real-life stories and videos to raise awareness of UN conflict resolution activities in Syria and what is happening.

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