



World Savvy

## Recommended Resources

These websites on the following pages are valuable tools for teachers looking for lessons and supplementary resources on global issues for the classroom. Find sample lessons from these organizations and more specific resources on global issues by using **World Savvy's Online Resource Library**: [www.worldsavvy.org/community-resources/](http://www.worldsavvy.org/community-resources/)

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### *Teacher Resources and Curriculum*

#### **Facing the Future**

This organization creates curricula on global issues, including the environment, population and sustainability, health, the economy, energy, and more. Many lessons are available for free online, and you can purchase their books online. <http://www.facingthefuture.org/>

#### **UN Cyberschoolbus**

Includes lessons and thematic units, and two student-friendly sections for student research: InfoNation lets you compare major statistics in different countries, and Country at a Glance lets you click on a map, pick a country and find some basic info about the country, plus links to online newspapers from that country. <http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/>

#### **Population Connection**

Hands-on activities and resources for teaching about population issues. Many lessons and resources available from their website. <http://www.populationeducation.org/>

#### **Oxfam Global Citizenship Curriculum**

This website, from the UK based humanitarian organization, has a wealth of resources on global education on topics such as citizenship, democracy, and human rights for primary school, plus games and simulations. Some are available directly from the site, others can be ordered from their catalog. <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/gc/>

#### **Globalization 101**

This website is full of issue briefs and lesson plans, all about different aspects of globalization. It goes way beyond the economics of globalization (though that's there too), and looks at health, human rights, culture, and more. [www.globalization101.org](http://www.globalization101.org)

#### **iEARN**

Teachers can join and create collaborative online projects – in any discipline – with classrooms and youth around the world. <http://www.earn.org/index.html>

#### **Asia Society – Partnership for Global Learning**

This educational website from the Asia Society has a number of tools for global education - - including research, tools for administrators, and lessons for teachers.

<http://www.asiasociety.org/education-learning/partnership-global-learning>

### **WorldWise for Schools**

This website from the Peace Corps has a number of videos and stories from Peace Corps volunteers, plus a curriculum on culture called “Looking at Ourselves and Others” that is excellent. Teachers can also connect their classroom to a Peace Corps volunteer to track the work they are doing and get to know the global community. <http://www.peacecorps.gov/www/>

### **If the World Were a Village**

This book is an excellent resource for introducing students to global issues, reducing population statistics of over 6 billion to just 100 people, a manageable number for kids to grasp. Lessons and visuals to accompany the book also available. <http://www.mapping.com/village.html>

### **Amnesty International Human Rights Education**

Education resources from Amnesty USA, with lessons and some great guides to go with contemporary films relating to human rights. The Amnesty site itself also has great general resources on human rights. <http://www.amnestyusa.org/educate/page.do?id=1102117>

### **Red Cross – Exploring Humanitarian Law**

This curriculum, downloadable for free from the website, gives teachers easy-to-use materials to expose students to issues of international humanitarian law, the rules that ensure respect for life and human dignity in war. <http://ehl.redcross.org/>

### **Outreach World**

Download cross-regional, standard-specific, globally-focused units, lessons and instructional aids designed by teachers and scholars and tested by practicing precollegiate teachers affiliated with the National Resource Center network. [www.outreachworld.org](http://www.outreachworld.org)

### **Teach Global Ed**

Provides K-12 teachers with easy access to high quality scholarship, primary sources, and web-based connections to five world regions, global issues and work in global education. Includes lessons in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish. <http://teachglobaled.net/>

### **Choices**

Provides online curriculum materials and ideas to that cover a range of foreign policy and international issues. Curriculum units include extensive background readings, primary sources, a framework of policy options, rigorous student-centered lesson plans, and a role-play exercise that encourages students to apply their knowledge in an authentic setting. [www.choices.edu](http://www.choices.edu)

### **World Savvy Monitor**

The World Savvy Monitor is a free service of World Savvy, designed and written for educators, but is a universal tool for deepening content knowledge of world issues. It provides background, context, and perspectives to help understand the conversation in the global community. [www.worldsavvy.org/monitor](http://www.worldsavvy.org/monitor)

## *Resources from PBS Television*

### **PBS for Teachers**

This website allows teachers to search through all the individual PBS websites at once. It is full of resources for teachers - lessons, videos, other websites, etc. <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/>

### **PBS Newshour Extra for Teachers**

This website is a companion to the television Newshour. There are current events articles written just for youth, and then lessons created by teachers to go with major news stories. It's organized clearly and is easy to use. <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/teachers/index.html>

### **Frontline**

This documentary program from PBS features global news stories - available to view free online. Also includes an Educators section. <http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/>

### **WideAngle**

This series is the only series devoted to international current affairs documentaries. There are many great videos every year, most of which can be watched online. Sign up for their newsletter and get emails about upcoming shows. <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/>  
Lessons available for some shows: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/classroom/index.html>

### **Independent Lens**

This film series also features great documentaries – all from independent filmmakers; many, but not all, are international. <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/>  
Lessons: <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/classroom/itvscommunityclassroom.html>

## *Websites – General Global Issues*

These websites have a wealth of information about global issues and current events.

### **BBC**

The BBC is a great resource for current events – the articles are short and fairly easy to read, and sometimes cover global issues buried deeper in US news. Also, for major topics, they often include timelines or background info right next to the article. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

### **CIA World Factbook**

This website is updated annually, and has information about all the countries of the world. It's broken down into different categories (geographic, people, and is full of statistics and useful information. <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

### **World Press Review**

This website is a non-partisan organization that publishes current and analytical stories on global issues. Not good for daily news, but a great source for more in-depth articles and various perspectives on contemporary global issues. <http://www.worldpress.org/>

## *For Youth*

### **PBS Newshour Extra**

This website is the companion to the television Newshour, just for youth. Lots of current events and global news stories – with a couple new articles posted each week. Appropriate for middle and high school. <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/>

### **NY Times Upfront**

Student version of the New York Times – the magazine comes out monthly, and most of the articles are available for free on their website. Great global news coverage.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/upfront/index.asp>

### **UNICEF Voices of Youth**

This website is maintained by UNICEF and designed for youth. It has information on major global issues affecting children, discussion boards, interactive games, and ways to take action. Good for student research. <http://www.unicef.org/voy/>

### **Student Educational Exchange**

This website is a tool for both teachers and students. Articles are posted online, and teachers can add their own articles and create individual online classrooms, and students can then log on, read and respond to articles and interact and debate with other students. Useful online current events tool for the classroom. <http://studenteducationalexchange.org/>

### **Taking It Global**

This is a huge online networking site for global issues - - think MySpace for international affairs. Allows youth to interact with other youth from around the globe. You set up a profile, learn about the issues, join discussions, and more. <http://www.takingitglobal.org/home.html>

## **Organizations**

*The following organizations are interested in global issues, and often have student projects to get involved in. Some also have additional educational resources available.*

**Heifer International** - - Development organization that is famous for their gift-giving program of goats, cows, etc. for families in the developing world. Educational materials and hands-on experiences also available. <http://www.heifer.org/>

**H2O for Life** - - Organization that allows US schools to partner with schools around the world to teach about the issue of access to clean water, and help overseas partner schools raise funds for clean water projects in their schools and communities. <http://www.h2oforliveschools.org/>

**Global Citizen Corps** - - National network of youth clubs to learn leadership skills and work to create change in five global issue areas: hunger, education, HIV/AIDS, climate change, and water. <http://www.globalcitizencorps.org/>

**Oxfam Hunger Banquet** - - Revamp your tired, old canned food drive! Each fall Oxfam sponsors hunger banquets where students fast to raise money for global hunger and also participate in a simulation on global hunger.  
[http://www.oxfamamerica.org/whatyoucando/act\\_now/fast](http://www.oxfamamerica.org/whatyoucando/act_now/fast)

**Youth Give** - - A youth philanthropy organization (based in northern California) where youth research and profile organizations. They also have tools to help parents teach their children about service and philanthropy, including an online “giving account”.  
<http://www.youthgive.org/>

**Kiva** - - This microfinance organization is causing a revolution in online giving – small business owners and entrepreneurs in the developing world post proposals, and citizens can go online and donate directly to projects. <http://www.kiva.org/>

**Nothing but Nets** - - A grassroots movement to prevent disease and purchase malaria nets for those who need them in the developing world, primarily Africa. <http://www.nothingbutnets.net/>

**Play Pumps International** - - Organization with an ingenious idea - - help get access to clean water by building pumps that also act as playground equipment. When the kids use the playground, they are also pumping clean water for their community! [www.playpumps.org](http://www.playpumps.org)

**Roots and Shoots** - - Founded by Jane Goodall, this network of youth clubs encourages youth to create positive change for their community, the environment, and animals.  
<http://www.rootsandshoots.org/>

**Amnesty International** - - Membership based organization working to promote human rights around the world - - great organization for students to get involved with letter writing and awareness campaigns. [www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org)

### **International Days of Recognition**

The United Nations sponsors a number of international days to raise awareness about a number of global issues. <http://www.tigweb.org/action-tools/guide/online.html?section=days>