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Who is Responsible
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FOR THE Homeless?



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Objectives

Ethics for Critical Thinking Development!

- *Develop Problem-Resolution Ideas*
- *Critique and Explore Challenging Topics*
- *Assess Personal and Public Social Responsibilities*
- *Discern and Evaluate Choices and Consequences*
- *Examine Appropriate Personal and Public Behaviors*
- *Understand Effects of Cultural Perceptions and Attitudes*
- *Become Aware of Life Style Choices and Its Impact on Society*

Lesson Overview Teacher Tips & Suggestions

There are 5 parts and 3 progressive activities to this lesson plan. It's suggested each stage is presented in order. Time: 20-30 minutes per activity and 10 minutes for intro and wrap up. (Approximately 90 minutes total.)

Activities can use a whiteboard, or use handouts to post on a bulletin board.

1) Introduce the Lesson. This lesson cover on the overhead. This will set the stage for the subject area to follow.

2) Introduce Topics. The Introduction page can be read to groups when shown on the whiteboard. Read aloud, or have a student read it to the class. The Introduction gives students for the critical thinking activities ahead.

3) Question Bubbles can be projected overhead and reviewed prior to each activity. Bubbles can be covered and presented one at a time- or exposed as a whole. The pre-written questions can be used to instigate thoughts on this subject; or as an icebreaker discussion starter. There is a blank bubble template for teachers and/or students to write their own questions if desired. Use these questions to encourage ideas around each topic page.

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Who is considered homeless? If you are homeless you are living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, campgrounds, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people.

Homelessness is a complex social problem with a variety of underlying economic and social factors. The top causes of homelessness are:

- (1) Lack of affordable housing
- (2) Unemployment
- (3) Poverty
- (4) Mental and/or physical disability
- (5) Substance abuse and/or addiction
- (6) Situational Circumstance: divorce, law conviction, foreclosure
- (7) Natural Disasters: hurricane, earthquake, or flood

As of 2018 the US Department of Housing reports there were around 553,000 homeless people in the US (0.17% of the population).

Statistics from other countries can be found at Wikipedia:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_homeless_population

This lesson explores the challenges of the Homeless. We will be critiquing the issues and evaluating resolutions. We will address these three topics through lesson activities:

1. Economic Perceptions and Personal Opinions
2. Problem Resolution (Both short- and long term)
3. Who is responsible? (Citizens, Homeless, Government, or other)

Let's Begin!

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY 1

PUBLIC & PERSONAL PERCEPTION

Are Homeless people viewed as a victim of societal downfall, or as a victim of their own undoing?

What is your perception when you see a Homeless person with a sign that begs for money, or food, or with their well-fed dog standing alongside?

Generally does the public view the Homeless with compassion, or disdain and disgust?

Do you think most Homeless people are living that way by circumstance or choice?

Do you believe all street beggars are truly homeless, or are they simply posing as such? Can you see a difference between them?

Do you believe most people pass judgment on the Homeless? If so, what kind?

How much public perception, over the Homeless situation, is influenced by social media? Not at all? Perhaps a lot? Or very little?

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY 1

PUBLIC & PERSONAL PERCEPTION

Preview

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY 1

Public Perception of Those Who are Homeless
Write 3-5 first words or thoughts that come to mind.

Your Personal Opinion of Homeless People.
Write 3-5 words or thoughts, that come to mind.

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CHALLENGE ACTIVITY 2

PROBLEM-SOLUTION (Short- & Long Term)

Is it a legitimate request to require the Homeless to obtain work and contribute to their own welfare?

What are the short and long term public health issues for people without homes? Safe sanitation affects everyone. Is there a long term consequence to not addressing this issue?

What are your personal concerns for the outlook of solving the growing homeless population?

When you see a Homeless person getting free handouts does that give you pause to ponder about those who (may) freeload on the system?

Do you believe the homeless should be included in the planning process for finding and procuring long term solutions?

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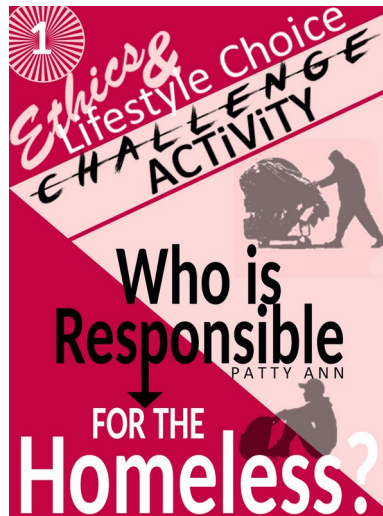
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