

Critical Thinking & Child Soldiers Lesson Outline

ASCA Standards: A:B1 Improve Learning -A:B1.2 Learn and apply critical-thinking skills -A:B1.5 Organize and apply academic information from a variety of sources

Kony 2012 Part 1

Watch documentary (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4MnpzG5Sqc>) and have students fill out the following questions:

Essential Question: What is the best way to help the Child Soldiers in the Kony video?

Questions to answer while watching the video:

What does this organization want you to do to help the child soldiers?

For each action write WHY they think it will help.

Kony 2012 Part 2

A. Talk these questions out as a group

The charity wants you to

1. Sign the pledge on their website to politicians

Why? (Answer: the more people who sign the pledge the more politicians will listen and action will happen) Do you think this is a valid assumption?

2. Get an Action Kit to participate in their movement to make Kony known & Share the movie

Why? (Answer: If Kony is known throughout the world action will occur) Do you agree that awareness will equal action?

3. Sign up to donate monthly to their organization

Why? (Answer: So support their work) Do you remember from the video what they said the money will go to? What do you think your money will go to?

B. Students could do this in groups if you make photo copies of Kony2012 tax form 990 pages 1,2,7. And print the questions listed below.

Directions: We will now take a look at the Invisible Children's budget from 2012 so that we know exactly what our donations would go to.

Pass out copy of IC tax form page 1, 2, 7 or go over it on the computer as a group.

Questions to answer as a class or in group:

How much money does the organization have? (Answer 17 mil)

What do they spend the most money on? (Answer: Mobilization, bringing awareness about this situation mainly in the US)

Do you think this is right? Is the best way to help child soldiers to make people aware of the situation? Or should the organization donate all its money to rehabilitation of child soldiers? Does awareness always = action?

Give students time to answer the question on the back of their notes.

Possible addition: Are these the only child soldiers in the world? Answer: No, in fact some countries use child soldiers in their own armies... including Uganda! Why is that okay but Kony's use of child soldiers is not? Is it okay? (Article on state armed forces: http://www.child-soldiers.org/theme_reader.php?id=3)