

A SLAVE FREE WORLD



KEY STAGE 2

Modern Day Slavery Lesson Plan

This lesson plan is a great way to encourage children to see a future without slavery. The Clewer Initiative and Just Enough UK believe that we can have a slave free world. Children in this lesson will write a newspaper article about how the world can do it.

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Lesson Goal

To believe in a slave free world by creating a newspaper article explaining modern day slavery and provide inspiration for how we can do it.

Objectives

- 1) Pupils will understand slavery is a crime, but still happens today.
- 2) Pupils will use their vocabulary and English skills to produce a newspaper front explaining how we absolved slavery completely.

Super Starter

This starter is designed to get children up and moving at the beginning of the class.

Get the class to stand up if they agree with the following statements, and to remain seated if they disagree.

- I am free (*should agree*)
- I should be paid for any job I do (*should agree*)
- It's okay to work for no money if you are being fed (*should disagree*)
- Slavery happens today (*should agree*)
- I can make a difference in the world (*should agree*)
- There are less than 10,000 slaves in the UK today (*should disagree*)
- Everyone should have the same human rights (*should agree*)
- It is okay to do something illegal if an adult asks you (*should disagree*)

Whole Class/ Group Activity

Provide children some ideas of what happens in the world today, to give them context for their next task.

Use the fact sheet to take children through some of the statistics and stories of modern day slavery. Help the pupils understand that slavery happens in our streets. Even though they may have thought that slavery was confined to the history books, it still happens today and is worse than ever.

Give each table of pupils the 'fact sheet' handout to read. Alternatively, the teacher can use it as a prompt in explaining modern slavery to the class.

Individual Activity

Ask pupils to imagine they are in 2030. *The world has finally removed slavery after years of trying. Right from 1807 when William Wilberforce made it illegal, to 2016 when the Global Slavery Index shed a light on modern slavery in the 21st century. We found out it was in our clothes, our phones, our food. Despite this, we have worked tirelessly from 2018-2030 and now, no one is in slavery.*

Ask the class to think about what measures might have been put in place to make this happen? Some examples are below:

- New laws and public protests
- New methods of rescue
- No one buying slave labour products meant that demand went down
- Fair wages around the world
- People setting up companies without dependence on slavery

Pupils will now design a newspaper article announcing that the world is now 'SLAVE FREE'.

Individual Activity

Each newspaper will include:

1. The name of the newspaper (e.g. The St Joseph Primary School Gazette).
2. A headline (e.g. WE HAVE ACHIEVED A SLAVE FREE WORLD!)
3. The date (any date in 2030).
4. A front page spread explaining historical and modern slavery.
5. An explanation of what happened to create a slave free world (examples above).
6. What the world now looks like - (e.g. happiness of the world, product costs, laws)
7. A picture to illustrate their articles.

Pupils may consider including an interview of someone who used to be in slavery but has experienced the transformation of the world.

Extension

Why not turn some of the newspaper articles into a TV news segment. Have children present their stories, with interviews, to the class using a table at the front of the class as the 'news desk'.

Key Words:

Slavery, Modern Day Slavery, Newspaper, Advertisement, Abolish, Achievement,

MOVING FORWARDS:

Pupils can include on their newspaper some advertisements for products/companies not using slaves.

WHY NOT... Ask pupils to copy their newspapers onto PowerPoint to improve design and IT skills (newspaper templates available on PPT.)



Fact Sheet on Modern Day Slavery

WHAT IS SLAVERY?

Slavery is when someone is treated as an object that can be bought and sold. They will be forced to work with little or no pay. They are not allowed their freedoms and can be mistreated. They are not allowed home or to leave the house. Sometimes they are tricked into slavery by thinking they have been offered a job.

IS SLAVERY ILLEGAL?

Yes, slavery is illegal in the UK and all around the world. Despite this, it still continues today as a criminal activity.

WHEN WAS SLAVERY BANNED?

Slavery was banned in 1807, when it became illegal to own a slave in the UK through the abolitionist movement. Activists got together 350,000 signatures to convince parliament to take action. In 1833 the anti-slavery bill was passed.

WHO BANNED SLAVERY IN THE UK?

A politician called William Wilberforce banned slavery. He spent 20 years petitioning for freedom of slaves. In 1833 the law was passed, and William died that same year aged 73.

WHAT IS MODERN DAY SLAVERY?

Modern Slavery is the term used to describe slavery that happens in the 21st century.

WHO COULD BE A SLAVE?

There is no particular person who could be a slave. In the transatlantic slave trade, slaves were brought over from Africa and sold. Today, anyone could be a slave from any nation, any gender and any age group.

DOES IT HAPPEN IN THE UK?

Yes, Modern Slavery happens in every country around the world - but it shouldn't!!

HOW MANY SLAVES ARE THERE IN THE WORLD?

An estimated 40-45 million (according to the Global Slavery Index, 2018).

HOW MANY SLAVES ARE THERE IN THE UK?

According to the Home Office about 10,000-13,000 people are slaves in the UK. However there may be many more.

WHICH INDUSTRIES DOES SLAVERY OCCUR IN?

Slavery is often found around the world in industries such as the textile industry, the fishing industry, the farming industry (including in the UK), House Helpers and other means of forced labour (e.g. some car washes, nail bars, building driveways).

HOW ARE SLAVES TREATED?

Slaves can be treated very badly, often living in dirty houses with many other people. They may not be allowed to take showers or eat properly. In severe circumstances they may get hurt. They can be very sad as they might not know where their families are, or whether they will ever get to go home.

WHY DO PEOPLE DO IT?

It is hard to explain why people make others slaves, but we all know the right thing to do is to pay everyone fairly and let them have their freedoms.

SHOULD WE STOP IT?

Slavery should definitely be stopped, and there are laws from the government that try to protect the human rights of slaves. There is more that needs to be done to rescue and protect those who are held in slavery.