

Where in the World - Horn of Africa

A series of lessons which examine the problem of world hunger from a geographical perspective

Age Range: Grades 5-7

Subject: Social Studies

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Overview

Map skills, coordinates, relative and absolute location, critical thinking, research, writing to inform.

This research activity is part of a geography-themed series: "Where in the World." The activities are designed to be covered over a series of lessons. The end result will be an understanding of hunger issues in a particular country, as well as an understanding that hunger is a global issue which affects countries in all areas of the planet.

In addition, students will gain an understanding of the current situation in the Horn of Africa and learn how WFP is working in that region of the world.

Through research and the application of mapping skills, students will gain an understanding of the problems of hunger and poverty around the world, the strategies being employed to combat the effects of these problems, and the efforts being made to create sustainable solutions.

Aims & Objectives

- To inform students of the current situation in the Horn of Africa
- To inform students of the absolute and relative locations of countries
- To raise awareness of hunger issues, and reinforce the point that hunger is a global problem
- To teach about the economic profiles of countries around the world, and encourage comparisons

Preparation

- Make copies of the Where in the World activity sheets (3 total)
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Access to the internet

Instructions

1. Pass out activity sheets. Allow students time to fill in the map.
2. Using interactive map of the Horn of Africa, found at horn.wfp.org, have the students color the area most affected by drought and famine.
3. Have each student choose a country in the Horn of Africa and have them complete the country fact sheet.
4. Have each student answer the question sheet.
5. Follow with a class discussion and have each student share their ideas for helping the people in the Horn of Africa.



Answer Key:



Countries in the Horn of Africa:

- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Somalia

Name: _____

Find and label the countries that make up the Horn of Africa the list of countries. Then, using the interactive map found at horn.wfp.org, color the areas most effected by the famine.



Name: _____

Choose a country in the Horn of Africa and complete the fact sheet using WFP's website and other online resources.

Name of Country	Capital

Population	Official Language

Government	Climate	Religions

GDP	Life Expectancy	Global Hunger Index	Percent Undernourished

Find your country


Threats to food security

Absolute Location
Latitude: _____
Longitude: _____
Relative Location
My hometown: _____
My chosen country is _____ from my hometown.

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Name: _____

Answer the following questions based on the country you are researching and the current crisis in the Horn of Africa. Use www.wfp.org/crisis/horn-of-africa to find the answers.

1. How many people are currently affected by the crisis in the Horn of Africa and what countries do they come from?

2. What factors have played a role in current crisis in the Horn of Africa?

3. How is WFP responding to the crisis in the Horn of Africa?

4. What are three ways you could help the people affected by the crisis in the Horn of Africa?
