

The Lost Boys of Sudan

WebQuest Description: Using the film, "Rebuilding Hope", and the novel, "A Long Walk to Water", as a background, students will investigate websites created by three Lost Boys of Sudan who came back to their villages to help their people and country rebuild.

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Introduction

As we continue to read, A Long Walk to Water, imagine that you are Salva or Nya. How would you feel? How would you survive the civil war, lack of food and water, and the constant fear of losing your family and friends? Would you continue to push on and fight for survival, or would you collapse and simply give up? As we watched the movie, 'Rebuilding Hope', we met three young Sudanese men who refused to give up. Through perseverance and hope, all three of these men survived and became part of a group of Sudanese men known as the Lost Boys of Sudan. They eventually found a safe haven in a Kenyan refugee camp called Kakuma. While they were there, they were adopted by American families and traveled to the United States where they received an education. After seven or eight years in America, each of them decided to return to Sudan to see what they could do to help their people and their country.

Tasks

Your task involves two things. First, you will be exploring two websites: Gabriel Bol's, Hope for Ariang; and Salva Dut's, Water for South Sudan. As you visit these two websites, you will be answering questions about what each website is trying to do to help the people of Southern Sudan, the villages, and the country recover from years of war and devastation. Second, each website details what their mission is, what it needs and what you can do to help. After exploring these two websites, and answering the questions, you will identify the one natural resource that is a shared need that can help fulfill the mission of each website.

Process

1) With your partner, review the Lost Boys of Sudan Webquest packet Mr. Cover gave you in class on Tuesday.
2) Working with your partner, take about 5 to 10 minutes to explore each website. Make yourself familiar with the websites and be sure to check out each of the links on the homepages. Be sure to do this step BEFORE you attempt to answer the questions in the packet!
3) After you have had an opportunity to explore the websites, you can begin answering the questions in your packet.
4) On the last page of your packet, answer the following essential question: Even though each of the three websites has a specific mission and need, there is one natural resource that is a shared need with all three websites. Identify the natural resource and explain why it is a necessary requirement for the mission of each website.

Evaluation

Your webquest project is worth a total of 30 points. Each question is given a specific point value based on what the question asks, how many supporting details are needed, etc. Below is the grading scale that Mr. Cover will be using. A= 27 or more points; B= 24-26 points; C= 21-23 points; D= 18-20 points; F= Less than 18 points

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Conclusion

Chris Koor reunites with his father after more than 15 years apart due to the Southern Sudan Civil War. Even though the civil war that engulfed Sudan for over 25 years is a very sad and depressing part of our world's history, we can take hope in the fact that people like Gabriel Bol, Chris Koor and Salva Dut never gave up despite their tragic circumstances in life. Each of these three young men have demonstrated what can happen when people don't give up and continue to give of themselves and help others. As you grow, mature and move forward in your education, remember to always keep your dreams, hopes and desires close to your heart. Whenever you begin to feel defeated or lost, remember our three Lost Boys of Sudan, and let them be your inspiration to persevere and never give up on yourself and your dreams.

Teacher Page

I have used two important resources in conjunction with this webquest. Linda Sue Park's novel, *A Long Walk to Water*, is a heart wrenching story of two young children who find their lives turned upside down by the events of the Southern Sudan Civil War that engulfed Sudan for more than a quarter century. The movie, *Rebuilding Hope*, details the journey of three Lost Boys of Sudan who return to Sudan after almost a decade away to help rebuild the lives of the people in their villages. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to email me at mcover@nettletonschoools.net.

Standards

Credits

Other