

TEACHER'S GUIDE



Suggested Level	Secondary 1-2 (7 th -8 th grade)
Length	55 minutes (1 period)
Subjects	English, language of instruction
Broad Areas of Learning	Citizenship and community life
Focuses of Development	Culture of peace
Educational Aims	Make the students aware of the issue of landmines in Mozambique and the possible corresponding solutions.
Curriculum Specific Competencies	To read and listen to literary, popular and information-based texts
Cross Curricular Competencies	To use information



Background Information

The civil war which lasted sixteen years (1977-1992) is the principal cause of the placement of mines on the Mozambican territory. Throughout this war, which began after the country's independence, more than one million Mozambican civilians died due to fatal confrontations and the presence of immense minefields.



Instructions

Students are invited, initially, to read the informative text. After, they will try to answer the questions to assess their understanding of the text.



Answers to the Questions

- The civil war that lasted from 1977 to 1992 in Mozambique.
- One action was the part played in the process to abolish landmines (Treaty of Ottawa) and a second action is the participation, via the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), in aid programs to eliminate landmines in Mozambique.
- Pro:** According to the manufacturers, the mines only aim to immobilize fighters (paragraph # 3).
Con: Mines do not make any distinction between a soldier and a civilian (paragraph # 3).
Con: Fourteen years after the end of the war, a few million anti-personnel and anti-tank landmines are still present and continue to harm people, making new amputees each year. (paragraph # 3).
Con: The mines are currently a major obstacle to the economic development of the country (paragraph # 7).
 Other answers are possible.

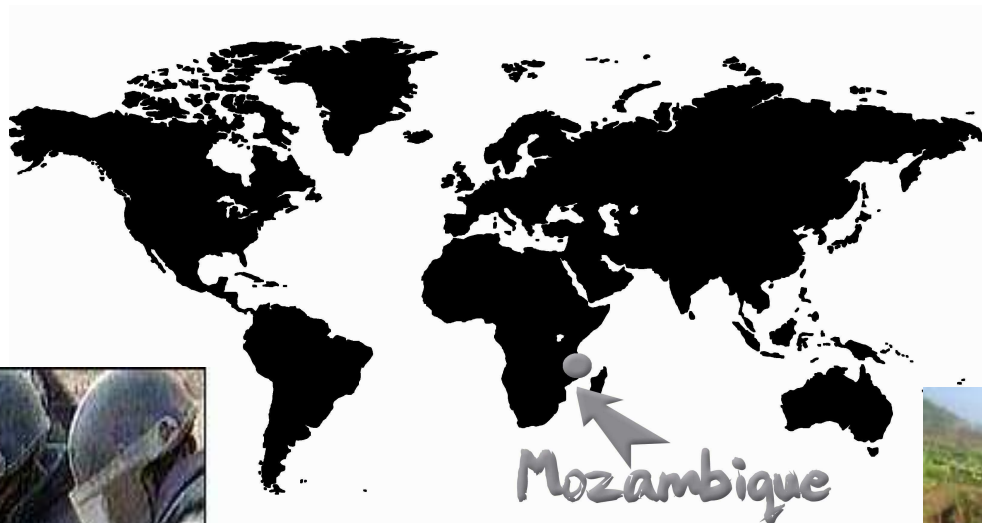
4.	Information	Dates	Information	Statistical data
	Signing of the Ottawa Treaty	1997	Stocks of landmines in the world	250 million
	Beginning of the civil war in Mozambique	1977	Numbers of mines still hidden in Mozambique	1 million
	Creation of the De-mining Institute	1995	Number of mines placed annually	2.5 million
	End of the civil war in Mozambique	1992	Total number of people wounded or killed in Mozambique because of landmines	1.5 million

5. NGOs organize, amongst other actions, educational campaigns to prevent accidents caused by landmines.

6. In the country, landmines kill on average two people per week, in addition to causing many injuries (paragraph # 3).

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7. Personal answer of the student.



▶▶▶ You may wish to consult the following sources and offer them to your students to learn more about the subject:

In-Terre-Actif Network : www.in-terre-actif.com/english/show.php?id=2627

Canadian International Development Agency : www.acdi-cida.gc.ca

United Nations Cyberschoolbus: www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/banmines/schools/background.asp

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