

STUDENT'S HANDOUT

What do you think about
CHILD LABOUR?



Background Information

Today, millions of children do not have basic services such as clean drinking water, education, health clinics, or hospitals. Whether they live in big cities or small rural villages, children can't properly enjoy their youth. They don't have time to grow up, to go to school, or to play without fear. Unfortunately, a large majority of them have to work to survive.



Instructions

Take a few moments to carefully examine the pictures and the information provided below in order to understand the message these images convey. Using these details, imagine you are a child labourer and write a 250- word composition describing the thoughts and feelings you have about child labour in the world.



Information on Child Labour Worldwide

- The World Trade Organization (WTO) estimates that 246 million children between the ages of 5 and 17 are already working.
- 70% of these children work in dangerous conditions such as in mines or in contact with chemical products and agricultural pesticides, or even with dangerous machinery.
- 73% of child labourers are under the age of 10.
- The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has been collaborating with UNICEF Canada for over thirty years, helping to guarantee that children's rights are fully respected.

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