

STUDENT'S HANDOUT



Background Information

Over the last few years many groups of young Canadians, particularly from Quebec, have lived for a few weeks in Nicaragua. The objective is to become aware of the realities of this region of the world and to develop solidarity links with the people.



Instructions

The following pictures (see attached) and the informative table offer practical information on Nicaragua and on the experiences of the youth of this country. Take time to carefully study the pictures and the table in order to understand what they represent and how it feels to be in an intern's shoes!



Based on these different elements, imagine that you are an intern coming back from Nicaragua. You have to write a text of 250 words about your experience.



Informative Table

- Population of Nicaragua (2003): 5.5 million.
- 46% of the population is poor and 15% is extremely poor (2005).
- 45% of the population lives on less than one dollar a day (\$1/day) (2002).
- 53% of the population is less than 18 years old (2005).
- One child out of three suffers from chronic malnutrition (2005).
- 36% of the population is illiterate (2000).
- 2% of the population uses internet (2002).
- 7 people out of 100 own a telephone (2002).
- Nicaragua is one of the 25 priority partner countries of the Canadian International Development Agency.

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