

# STUDENT'S HANDOUT



## Background Information

Since 1998, the Solidarity Committee of Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, has been supporting renewable energy in Cuba as a sustainable solution for environmental protection. This organisation focuses on international cooperation, and is working in collaboration with another organisation from Cuba, Cubasolar. The Committee is supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), which allows it to send numerous interns each year to live an experience of international cooperation.



## Instructions

Take the time to carefully review the table below as well as the photos. Think of what the images represent and try to put yourself in the shoes of a young boy or girl who benefits from a newly electrified school room or medical clinic, thanks to solar energy. Given these elements, create a short story of 300 words in which the hero is a Canadian intern whose mission is to bring electricity to an isolated village.

	Cuba	Canada
Population (2004)	11 245 000	31 958 000
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 births (2004)	6	5
Life Expectancy at Birth (2004)	78 years	80 years
Literacy Rate (2000-2004)	100 %	99 %
% of people using internet	1 %	Not Available



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