



Discussion Topics and Project Ideas – SchoolAid Haiti Earthquake Appeal

Find Haiti on a world map.

- How big is it compared to Australia?
- How many people live there?

What kind of food do the people of Haiti eat?

- How many meals a day do most Haitian children eat?
- How might this affect their health and ability to learn?

How many Haitian children go to school?

- What things might you miss out on by not receiving an education past primary level or never learning to read and write?
- What impact might this have on the community you live in?
- Write a story about a day in the life of a child in Haiti. Compare it to your life and think about what you would like to do to help improve the lives of children in Haiti.

Half the population of Haiti are children.

- What short-term effects might the recent earthquake have on the children of Haiti?
- What impact could it have on families, health, education and government?
- What might the long-term effects be?

Facts and Figures about Haiti (Source: ABC News website)

- Population: 10 million (UN, 2009)
- Capital: Port-au-Prince
- Area: 27,750 sq km (10,714 sq miles)
- Major languages: Creole, French
- Major religion: Christianity
- Life expectancy: 59 (men), 63 (women) (UN)
- Monetary unit: 1 gourde = 100 centimes
- Main exports: Light manufactures, coffee, oils, mangoes
- GNI per capita: US \$660 (World Bank, 2008)
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