

DRTA Modern Slavery

Title of Reading Selection: Let's look at this picture. What is the boy doing? Does he look young to be working? When did you first get a job? Have you ever had a job you didn't want to do? Chores, etc.? Do you see what others are doing in the background? This picture is what this article is going to be about.

Concept Development Questions to Access Prior Knowledge:

Prediction before Section 1: Let's predict: What is this article going to be about?
(Write student predictions on the board.)

Please Silently Read Section 1.

Prediction Check

1. Did we accurately predict what the article is about?

Comprehension Questions

1. Now, what do you think the boy in the picture is? (A slave)
2. In 2014 how many people in the world were enslaved? (10s of millions!)
3. What is slavery? Read the definition to me. (The complete control of one person by another)
4. What would happen if they tried to leave? (They may be killed)

Prediction before Section 2: Let's predict: Where is this happening?
(Write student predictions on the board.)

Please Silently Read Section 2.

Prediction Check

1. Did we accurately predict?

Comprehension Questions

1. Where is this happening? (other countries, India, Africa, mines, shrimp farms)
2. What is a mine? (a place where people dig for minerals, diamonds, etc.)
3. Do they work for money? (no)

Prediction before Section 3: Let's predict: What is hereditary slavery?
(Write student predictions on the board.)

Please Silently Read Section 3.

Prediction Check

1. Did we accurately predict?

Comprehension Questions

1. What is hereditary slavery? (People are born into slavery)

2. Do they ever leave the place they work? (No)

Prediction Before Section 4: Let's predict: What are all the things they have never done, that we might take for granted? Think about it. You have never left a mine!
(Write student predictions on the board.)

Please Silently Read Section 4.

Prediction Check

1. Did we accurately predict?

Comprehension Questions

1. What are some things that they missed out on? (never another village, no school, no doctors appointment, never seen a newspaper.)
2. Do they miss the outside world? (no, they've never been there)
3. Think about this. Can you miss what you don't know? Do you miss having a million dollars? (opinion)
4. Is there hereditary slavery in Africa too? (No, it says slaves are captured)

Prediction Before Section 5: Let's predict: What does slavery look like in the African mines?
(Write student predictions on the board.)

Please Silently Read Section 5.

Prediction Check

1. Did we accurately predict?

Comprehension Questions

1. What are the four jobs they do in the mineral mine? (Digging, hauling them out, washing them, walking 20-50 miles)
2. Where do these minerals go?
3. When you normally think of slavery, what do you think of? (The united states)
4. Are your surprised that this injustice still happens today? (opinion)

Extension: Write three sentences (your opinion) about this article. Use the words bitter, burden, and justice (or injustice)