

Cry, The Beloved Country 1995 Edition

Thematic Unit on Poverty and its effects on Values: Bibliography



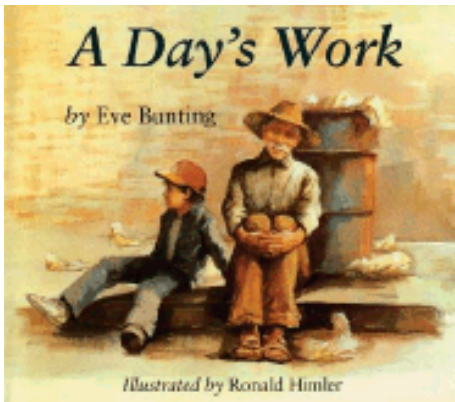
The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Andersen, illustrations by Blair Lent.

This story is about a little girl who is very poor. On the last day of the year she lights her last few matches to keep warm. As she does so she uses her imagination to enjoy the beauty of the world around her. The poignancy of the story hits home due to the contrast of the poor young girl against the uncaring city in which she lives. It's ending is unusual in that it is not a happy ending but it will help get students thinking about the realities of life in poverty. Houghton Mifflin Company, 1968



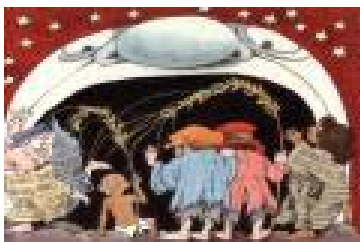
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan

A young boy discovers a whole new world when he spends a day with his Uncle working in a soup kitchen. He comes into contact with people that he had never noticed before, such as the sleeping woman, the can man and the butcher. Throughout the day the boy begins to discover a few things about the principles of hard work and generosity. Morrow Junior Books, 1991.



A Day's Work by Eve Bunting, illustrations by Ronald Himler

This is a story about a boy named Francisco who accompanies his grandfather when he goes looking for work, in order to translate of him. Francisco lies to a potential customer in order to get the job. When his grandfather finds out, he promises the man to do the work for free the next day, to make up for the lie. Though the main theme of the book is about honesty, the situation that Francisco and his family are in is often very typical of poor families simply trying to survive. Carolrhoda Books, 1990.



We Are All in the Dumps With Jack and Guy by Maurice Sendak

This interesting children's book uses two relatively unknown nursery rhymes to tell about and illustrate current

realities of hunger, homelessness and abuse in life. Powerful illustrations accompany the stories, creating very vivid and somewhat harsh depictions of what life is truly like. Aladdin Paperbacks, 1993



May'naise Sandwiches & Sunshine Tea by Sandra Belton, illustrations by Gail Gordon Carter

This is a story about one girl's experience with poverty growing up. The little girl spends a day at her friend, Betty Jean's house. Betty Jean lives uptown and has a nice house. They have a picnic with tuna sandwiches and lemonade. The girl then invites Betty Jean over to her house and she becomes embarrassed when her family is too poor to give the girls tuna sandwiches and lemonade, instead her mother serves them may'naise sandwiches and sunshine tea (called that because you can look through and imagine seeing the sun dancing). The girl is surprised when her friend says she loves it. This is a great story to get students thinking about the reality of the differences in how people live due to money and to see how some people react to those differences. Four Winds Press, 1994.



<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTPOVERTY/0,,menuPK:336998~pagePK:149018~piPK:149093~theSitePK:336992,00.html>

This is an extremely rich site full of information about poverty. It includes many studies about poverty and various programs that are being instituted to help people rise above poverty. Some of my favorite resources are moving quotes from people who live in poverty and an hour-long documentary. There is also information about governmental initiatives that are being instituted to help solve the problem of poverty in various countries around the world.

<http://rogerebert.suntimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/19990319/REVIEWS08/903190306/1023>



This is a link connected to a site about a movie called "The Bicycle Thief" It is Italian and made in the early 1950s. It is all about a man who hawks his sheets in order to buy a bike so that he can get a job putting up posters. Someone ends up stealing his bike and after searching fruitlessly he has to decide whether or not to steal

someone else's bike or not. This site has a movie review by Roger Ebert and a link to a site to buy or rent the actual movie.

<http://www.poverty.com/about.html>

This site contains a very simple and easy look at poverty. The organization of the site is simple and easy to access. Important issues that are covered on the site are causes of poverty and potential solutions to helping solve the problem of poverty. One interesting link discusses writing a letter to help fight poverty. (This could be a potential project or assignment for the students).

<http://www.sarpn.org.za/documents/d0000990/>



Connecting people, ideas and information to fight poverty

This site contains information specifically about the level of poverty in South African at this time. This information would be helpful in making the situation applicable to students today.

<http://www.popcouncil.org/pgy/index.html>

This site contains information about the programs that are in place in South Africa at this time to fight poverty. Students can use this site to compare and contrast the approaches of the programs in South African to the programs or approaches that are discussed in the book. Students can ask themselves questions like, "Are they discussed in the book? Do you think they will work? Why or why not?" In the case that they are not really working, "why do you think this is?"

<http://www.4children.org/news/500books.htm> children's books

<http://www.globalissues.org/article/26/poverty-facts-and-stats> facts about poverty

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTPOVERTY/0,,menuPK:336998~pagePK:149018~piPK:149093~theSitePK:336992,00.html> ******Moving Out of Poverty: Understanding Democracy, Freedom and Growth from the Bottom-Up** is a global study to learn retrospectively from men and women who have moved out of poverty over the last decade. A follow-up to [Voices of the Poor](#), the study explores from the bottom-up the factors and processes that shape people's access to economic opportunities.

****At the turn of the new millennium, the World Bank collected the voices of more than 60,000 poor women and men from 60 countries, in an unprecedented effort to understand poverty from the perspective of the poor themselves. **Voices of the Poor**, as this participatory research initiative is called, chronicles the struggles and aspirations of poor people for a life of dignity.

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"Poverty is like living in jail, living under bondage, waiting to be free" — Jamaica

"Poverty is lack of freedom, enslaved by crushing daily burden, by depression and fear of what the future will bring."
— Georgia

"If you want to do something and have no power to do it, it is talauchi (poverty)." — Nigeria

"Lack of work worries me. My children were hungry and I told them the rice is cooking, until they fell asleep from hunger." — an older man from Bedsa, Egypt.

"A better life for me is to be healthy, peaceful and live in love without hunger. Love is more than anything. Money has no value in the absence of love." — a poor older woman in Ethiopia

"When one is poor, she has no say in public, she feels inferior. She has no food, so there is famine in her house; no clothing, and no progress in her family." — a woman from Uganda

"For a poor person everything is terrible - illness, humiliation, shame. We are cripples; we are afraid of everything; we depend on everyone. No one needs us. We are like garbage that everyone wants to get rid of." — a blind woman from Tiraspol, Moldova

"I repeat that we need water as badly as we need air." — a woman from Tash-Bulak, The Kyrgyz Republic

"The waste brings some bugs; here we have cockroaches, spiders and even snakes and scorpions." — Nova California, Brazil [Data Against Natural Disasters: Establishing Effective Systems for Relief, Recovery, and Reconstruction](#)- [Moving Out of Poverty: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives on Mobility](#) — [More than a Pretty Picture: Using Poverty Maps to Design Better Policies and Interventions](#) - *** [Hear Our Voices—The Poor on Poverty](#), an hour-long documentary,

Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP) describe a country's macroeconomic, structural and social policies and programs to promote growth and reduce poverty, as well as associated external financing needs. PRSPs are prepared by governments through a participatory process involving civil society and development partners, including the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTPOVERTY/EXTPRS/0,,menuPK:384207~pagePK:149018~piPK:149093~theSitePK:384201,00.html> initiatives to fight poverty- Are these approaches discussed in the book? according to the book, will these approaches work