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What is Poverty?

Read the 'What is Poverty?' (page 4) section of the fact book and complete the following activities.

ACTIVITY 1 – COMPREHENSION AND ANALYSIS

1. What is the difference between relative and absolute poverty?

2. What aspects does 'overall poverty' add to its definition?

ACTIVITY 2 – QUOTES

In your own words, explain the meaning of each of the quotes below.

"Poverty is like punishment for a crime you didn't commit." – Eli Khamarov, writer

"In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of." – Confucius, Chinese teacher and philosopher

"Poverty does not belong in civilized human society. Its proper place is in a museum." – Muhammad Yunus, entrepreneur

"Foreign Assistance is not an end in itself. The purpose of aid must be to create the conditions where it is no longer needed." – Barack Obama

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“I believe that, as long as there is plenty, poverty is evil.” – Robert Kennedy

“Extreme poverty anywhere is a threat to human security everywhere.” – Kofi Annan

“Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime.” – Aristotle

“You can’t get rid of poverty by giving people money.” – P.J. O’Rourke



