

Student Worksheet

DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

STORY

Bush Visits African Nations on Health Tour 02/21/08

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/jan-june08/africa_2-21.html

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did President Bush go to Africa this week?

2. Why is he so well liked in many African nations?

3. What does PEPFAR stand for and what is it?

4. What is an interesting fact you learned about Benin?

5. What is one of the ways the U.S. is helping fight malaria in Tanzania?

6. What tragedy happened in Rwanda in 1994?

7. Why is the United States supportive of Ghana's education system?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

- 1. Did this article make you more or less interested in Africa? Why?**
- 2. Do you think Americans should care more about what happens in Africa? Why or why not?**
- 3. How do Americans get information about Africa? How does that affect our understanding of Africa?**
- 4. Do you agree with critics who say President Bush should have visited some of the more troubled countries in Africa? Why or why not?**
- 5. How do you think President Bush's work in Africa will contribute to his legacy as a leader after he leaves office?**
- 6. Research one African nation that President Bush did not visit. What are the biggest challenges that country is facing? Does it receive aid from the United States? What type of government does it have and what role does it play in regional politics?**

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.