

Student Worksheet

DIRECTIONS

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

STORY

Pro-Democracy Icon Suu Kyi Detained After Surprise Visit, 05/22/2009

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/jan-june09/myanmar_05-22.html

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. **Who is Aung San Suu Kyi?**

2. **What is Suu Kyi currently charged with?**

3. **What is the other name for Myanmar?**

4. **When was the first military coup in Myanmar?**

5. **What is the 8888 Uprising?**

6. **What happened in the 1990 election?**

7. Name at least two reasons why Myanmar's military regime is considered an oppressive government by human rights advocates.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. The Noble Prize committee gave Suu Kyi the award describing her as "an outstanding example of the power of the powerless." What do you think that means?

2. What do you think should be done about the repressive regime of Myanmar? Should the United States intervene? Why or why not?

3. Describe the similarities you see between MLK, Gandhi and Suu Kyi. Do you see any differences? How are they different?

4. Do you think it matters what name is used? Which name do you use? Why?

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.