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STORY

After Two Years, Haiti Still Struggles to Rebuild

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READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS – [Student Worksheet](#)

1. What date marks the two-year anniversary of the catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti?
2. What did the earthquake measure on the Richter scale, a device used to rate the amount of energy an earthquake releases?
3. According to the story, the earthquake killed approximately how many people?
4. How much rubble does the United Nations estimate has been left by the earthquake?
5. What percent of Haitians live below the poverty line?
6. What is the minimum wage in Haiti?
7. According to the story, most Haitians survive on much money per day?
8. How much did Americans pledge to Haiti disaster relief efforts?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world. How might a natural disaster like an earthquake affect a poor country compared to a rich country?

2. What are some of the challenges Haiti has faced during the rebuilding process?

3. Millions of dollars worldwide have been raised to assist the Haitian people. If you were in control of those funds, how would you spend them?

4. What are some ways that you or your classmates can help the people of Haiti?

5. Do you suppose aid money is going toward the wrong activities in Haiti? How can charities keep track of money so that cities and towns are able to use it to their benefit?

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.