

Books change lives

Class and group activity
Discussion, group work and presentation
Aim: Understanding why books are important and how they can help to change people's lives.

Part One	Class or group	<p>Discussion questions:</p> <p>Why do you think books are important? Write a list of reasons why books are important. What do you think life would be like without any books or without being able to read at all? What kind of people need books and why?</p>	<p>Resource download:</p> <p>Meet the readers</p> <p>2010 World Book Day poster</p>
Part Two	Group work	<p>Split class into groups of 4 – 6 students</p> <p>Give each group one of the places where our books are sent (eg. refugee camp, women's reading club) and a copy of the "books that we send" list.</p> <p>Discussion questions: What kind of people do you think live in or visit your place? Why do they go there? What kinds of books will people want to read there? Pick five books from the "Books that we send" list that you think would be popular and useful.</p> <p>Why did you pick these books?</p>	<p>Resource download:</p> <p>Where our books are sent</p> <p>Books that we send – covers (large file)</p> <p>Books that we send – list (small file)</p>

		<p>Presentation and debate:</p> <p>Ask each group to tell the class about the place they have and the books they have chosen.</p> <p>Does the class agree with the books each group has chosen?</p> <p>What other books would they send?</p>	
Part Three	Group Work – continued	<p>Split class into groups of 4 – 6 students.</p> <p>Give each group a Millennium Development Goal and copy of the “Books that we send” list.</p> <p>Discussion questions:</p> <p>Why do you think it is so important to reach this goal?</p> <p>What can people in countries like the UK do to help?</p> <p>How do you think books can help in reaching the goals?</p> <p>Pick five books that you think would help someone in sub-Saharan Africa to improve their lives relating to the goal. E.g. Which books might help someone learn about preventing HIV/AIDS?</p> <p>Why have you picked these books?</p> <p>Presentation and debate:</p> <p>Ask each group to tell the class about the Millennium Development Goal that they have been given and the books that they have chosen.</p> <p>Does the class agree with the books each group has chosen?</p> <p>What other kinds of books would be useful?</p>	<p>Resource Download:</p> <p>Books that we send – covers (large file)</p> <p>Books that we send – list (small file)</p> <p>The Millennium Development Goals</p>