

Educational Resources

Additional information about the United Nations may be obtained from the Public Inquiries Unit, Department of Public Information, The United Nations, New York, NY, 10017; and United Nations Publications, Room DC2-853, Dept. D017, New York, NY, 10017.

The School Kits are easy to use, teacher-friendly and packed with information resources, teaching ideas and activities. The objective of the Kits is to present complex global concerns in accessible ways while developing critical thinking skills, ethical responsibility and a sense of empowerment in students. Activities encourage students to explore the local and the global, work alone and in groups and, ultimately, to understand the ideas and practice of reaching consensus—the very foundation on which the UN is built. These kits, and others, are obtainable from the UN Bookstore. All material available from the UN Publications unit cited above. *Source: Educational Resources from the United Nations.*

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL KIT ON THE UNITED NATIONS

This kit is for students between the ages of 11 and 14. The topics covered include, among others, migration and pollution, health and literacy, painting and peace. With units in music, mathematics, art, biology, geography, history, and literature, teachers of all subjects find valuable and pertinent material.

SECONDARY SCHOOL KIT ON THE UNITED NATIONS

High school material presenting complex global issues clearly and coherently. Themes such as tolerance, development and peace are studied from a theoretical, as well as a practical perspective. Activities encourage students to apply their knowledge and understanding to their own environment.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- Basic Facts about the United Nations
- World Statistics Pocketbook
- The World's Women 1995: Trends and Statistics
- Discovering the UN
- Everything you wanted to know about the UN
- World Concerns and the UN

GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY (UNEP/GEMS SERIES)

A clear introduction for high school students to three main topics of genetic, species and ecosystem diversity. Other booklets deal with: The Impact of Ozone-Layer Depletion, Glaciers and the Environment; The Impact of Climate Change; The Pollution of Lakes and Reservoirs.

THE BLUE HELMETS: A REVIEW OF UN J18 FORCES

This third edition contains the main facts of 41 UN peacekeeping operations from 1948 through early 1996. Wearing their familiar helmets or blue berets, military personnel serving as United Nations peacekeepers have been given ever more challenging mandates. They have supervised cease-fires and the separation of feuding forces; helped promote national reconciliation and respect for human rights; and organized and monitored elections. Humanitarian assistance has also been brought within the purview of peacekeeping.

VIDEO SERIES

Each unit consists of a 15-20 minute video and a teacher's guide to introduce students to the global concerns of the

UN: Environment and Development; Peacekeeping; Human Rights; Africa Recovery, Literacy, Decolonization.

CYBERSCHOOLBUS

The CyberSchoolBus of the United Nations website offers a wealth of information, activities and teaching resources designed to engage as well as inform students and teachers alike. It offers comprehensive teaching units on topics such as poverty, health, and the state of the world's cities. Complete with activities and project ideas, these units are perfect for busy teachers and home schoolers. CyberSchoolBus can be found at: <<http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus>>.

PEN PALS

The United Nations does not administer a pen pal program. If you wish to correspond with nationals of different countries, names and addresses of correspondents abroad may be obtained from the International Federation of Organizations for School Correspondence and Exchanges (FIOCES) at 29, rue d'Ulm, 75005 Paris, France. In the US, the following organization coordinates a "peace pals" program, matching classrooms in different countries: Peace Pals c/o WPPS, RR 1, Box 118, Wassaic, NY 12592.