

CHILD SOLDIERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What comes to mind when you hear the word 'child soldiers'?
- 2) Where do you think child soldiers fight in the world?
- 3) What do you think of the people who force children to take up arms and fight?
- 4) What do you think the children feel about fighting in wars?
- 5) How do you think a child changes once he or she is given a gun and told to kill people?
- 6) Do you think the emotional scars child soldiers suffer ever heal?
- 7) What should the global community do to reduce the number of children fighting in conflicts across the world?
- 8) Can you imagine fighting in a war at the age of nine or ten?
- 9) Do you think child soldiers are happy?
- 10) In what ways do you think child soldiers can be more dangerous than adult soldiers?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) What is the youngest at which people can join your country's army?
- 2) What do you think the average child soldier does every day?
- 3) Do you think your country has ever used child soldiers?
- 4) Do you think it's OK to give children guns if they were the only and last chance to protect your country?
- 5) Do you think there are enough global campaigns to highlight the plight of child soldiers?
- 6) The United Nations says it is ok for fifteen-year-olds to fight. What do you think about this?
- 7) The UN says using children under 15 is a war crime. Do you agree?
- 8) Countries still celebrate the bravery of child soldiers during World War II. Do you think it's OK for them to do this?
- 9) Do you know about the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers?
- 10) What is the worst case of the use of child soldiers you know about?

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