



# issue brief

## Discussion Points

Use these discussion points to engage students in conversation about the issue of AIDS. The answers can be found in the AIDS Issue Brief.

- 1** Do most people with HIV/AIDS live in developing or developed countries?
- 2** What is the difference between a developing country and a developed country? How does this difference influence HIV/AIDS rates?
- 3** What is the HIV/AIDS rate in Botswana and Swaziland? What might that mean for the future of those countries' economies, education systems, etc.
- 4** What percentage of a population must be infected with HIV for the economy to be affected? Why are HIV and the economy related?
- 5** What happens to children whose parents are sick? How are their lives changed?
- 6** What is an AIDS orphan? What does her future look like?
- 7** Is there a cure for AIDS? Is there medicine to treat AIDS?
- 8** Is medicine to treat HIV/AIDS available to anyone who wants it?
- 9** Does HIV/AIDS only impact those people who are infected with the disease?
- 10** What is the international community doing about HIV/AIDS? What can you do?