



issue brief

Discussion Points

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

- 1 What is debt relief?
- 2 What country or person would be a creditor?
- 3 What type of country or person would be a debtor?
- 4 Why is debt relief a good idea?
- 5 Why is debt relief a bad idea?
- 6 What does HIPC stand for? Why was it created?
- 7 How many countries are currently receiving debt relief?
- 8 What do commodity prices have to do with national debt?
- 9 Have you heard of debt relief in the news or among your peers? Has your understanding about debt and debt relief changed after reading about it in the Debt Relief Issue Brief?
- 10 What happened at the G8 summit held in Gleneagles, Scotland in July 2005?