

TEACHING TOLERANCE



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THE FACTORS OF POVERTY

Focus: Household and Family Structure

Many factors contribute to a life of poverty. One is the family structure of a person's household. Within your group, brainstorm and list several circumstances in which the structure of a family might make it difficult for its members to escape poverty. Then use different two different highlighter colors to mark which circumstances might lead to a short-term lack of resources and which might lead to poverty that cycles into the next generation.

1. Example: Sporadic presence of parents or guardians

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