

Title of Project: Hunger Banquet

Grade Level: 9-12

Number of Students Participating: 60

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Teacher:

School: Lakeland High School

District or County: Lakeland School District

Overview/Description of Project: Guests draw tickets at random that assign them each to either a high-, middle-, or low-income tier and receive a corresponding meal. The 15 percent in the high-income tier are served a sumptuous meal. The 35 percent in the middle-income section eat a simple meal of rice and beans. The 50 percent in the low-income tier help themselves to small portions of rice and water. (High-, middle-, and low-income statistics used in the Oxfam America *Hunger Banquet* event are based on the World Bank Development Indicators 2007.) Guests can also assume characterizations that describe the situation of a specific person at the income level to which they've been assigned. Finally, all guests are invited to share their thoughts after the meal.

After an Oxfam America *Hunger Banquet* event, few participants leave with full stomachs, but all possess a greater understanding of the problems of hunger and poverty and will hopefully be motivated to do something about them.

Goals: People who attend will gain a greater understanding of factors relating to world hunger, economic stratification and be motivated to take action in light of the information presented.

Core Content Areas:

Economics

Government

Math

English

Science

PARC MODEL STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

STEP 1: PREPARATION

Contact OxFam America:

(http://www.oxfamamerica.org/whatyoucando/act_now/fast/skip_meal)

to have them send the Hunger Banquet Kit. This kit includes all the information necessary to put on a Hunger Banquet including:

- Description of event
- Biographical cards of the three major economic classes in our world today.
- Exhaustive timetable for planning the event.

- Background information
- Narrative for event itself
- Job descriptions of all personnel needed

STEP 2: ACTION

- A)** In addition to the OxFam America kit, select a special speaker to share 20-25 minutes regarding an issue related to world hunger, refugee issues, being an agent of change, etc.
- B)** Contact a food service agency who can serve the three menu items listed in the Hunger Banquet Planner.
- C)** Meet on a regular basis to discuss purpose, need and outcome of hunger banquet.

STEP 3: REFLECTION (Reflection is not sequential; rather it is encouraged throughout the lesson)

This is an awesome event that significantly enlightens all participants of the issues of world hunger. During the event and after the event are ample times for reflective thought and conversation.

STEP 4: CELEBRATION

Celebrate the event by raising money for one of the many projects OxFam America sponsors.