Year 11 International Class – Social Issues

Getting started: What’s it all about?

Reference

If you are not sure what your topic is all about, look it up in a dictionary or encyclopaedia.

- R030 WOR - World Book Encyclopaedia
- R031 - Encyclopaedias

Wikipedia  http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

It has all kinds of facts, figures and precise information.

Books: Start with a book

Look in the CATALOGUE (Libcode) using subjects such as:

- Alcohol
- Alcohol and adolescents
- Drinking
- Drugs and adolescents
- Health
- Suicide
- Bullying
- Violence
- Violence in Mass Media
- Sexual behaviour

Recommended non-fiction books

‘Issues in Society’ is a series of educational resource books which focus on contemporary issues affecting our changing society. Content includes: Newspaper reports and features, Internet web site information, cartoons and illustrations, journal and book extracts, statistics and surveys, lobby group literature, government reports and magazine articles.

362.2920994 ALC Alcohol abuse
362.7083 ADO Adolescent health
362.292 ALC Alcohol use
Journals  *Current information on your topic*

For recent information, journal articles are often the best sources.

**Magazine/Newspaper articles** (stored in the Reference section)

- **Current Social Issues** These provide a collection of recent newspaper articles with a contents section on front cover.
- **Youth Studies Australia** These are monthly magazines which deal with youth issues.
- **Time and New Scientist** Weekly magazines that deal with current issues.

**Use ONLINE DATABASES to find journal and newspaper articles**

1. **Electric Library Australasia** – Extensive full-text collection of information from hundreds of magazines, Australian and international newspapers, TV and radio transcripts, photographs, maps........

   - **User Name and Password:** see Library Intranet page

2. **Echo Online: Newspaper indexes and media issues outlines**

   - **User Name and Password:** see Library Intranet page

(Direct link available on the College Library Page - databases

**Take a look at these ones:**

2008/13: Adolescent drinking: should it be legal to supply alcohol to minors on private premises?


2008/09: Was the response of the police and the media to the Corey Worthington party excessive?
At home use only:

If you belong to a Brisbane city council Library or Pine Rivers Council Library you can access their online databases.

Type in your library barcode number into user ID and enter your pin.

Type in your in your Moreton Bay Library membership card number and click on login.

OR

Apply today for an ‘e-services’ card from the State Library and access the large number of databases available there. http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles

DVDs

AV 3456 The truth about binge drinking (viewing only in Library)

Click View:

- The truth about binge drinking
- Binge drinking
- Teenage drinking: Facts and fiction
- Whatever! The science of teens: Binge
- Party Drugs
- Investigating illegal drugs
- Drink spiking: awareness and avoidance
- A marriage of convenience: Sport and the media
- Bullying
- Sex and sexuality
Internet Sites

1. Use the web catalogue (website search link) to look for quality websites.

   A modified search engine designed for Australian school students set up by Google. Compare
   hits from an "ordinary" Google search to those returned in a ‘Study Search’ search, and you can
   easily see it is highly relevant.

Websites:

Alcohol

On the piss
This vodcast of a June 2008 Four Corners programme about binge drinking looks at the
Australian Government's National Binge Drinking Strategy in the light of a culture that appears
to tolerate drinking alcohol to excess. Extended interviews and additional resources are
provided.
http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/content/2008/s2265681.htm

Alcohol: problems and solutions
This US website describes alcohol use and abuse along with effective ways to reduce drinking
problems such as drink driving and binge drinking.
http://www2.potsdam.edu/hansondj/

Myths about alcohol consumption
ARBIAS, the Alcohol Related Brain Injury Australian Services site, provides information about
acquired brain injury in adolescents and adults. This page examines some of the myths about
binge drinking such as alcohol being a safe drug because it is legal, that alcohol peps drinkers
up and that alcohol is safer than other drugs.

Alcohol, peer pressure and underage drinking info for young teens
The Cool Spot is a US government website with resources, information, and support on alcohol
use and abuse among teenagers and advice on how to resist peer pressure.
http://www.thecoolspot.gov/
Young people an alcohol: the role of cultural influences
This 2008 report was commissioned by DrinkWise Australia and produced by the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA) at Flinders University. As the first of a two-part study, it examines the existing literature and flags a number of key issues pertaining to alcohol and young people in general. Clearly written and easily navigable, sections of this report will be of value to teachers addressing the issue in the classroom.

Bullying
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This website offers factsheet type information about bullying for Australian young people.

No bullying
This site is part of the New Zealand Telecom/Police STOP BULLYING Campaign. There is also information about support services in the community and ways that adults can help kids to deal with bullying.
http://www.nobully.org.nz/

Bullying: no way
This national funded website for school communities around Australia, aims to increase understanding about bullying, harassment and violence, hear others' stories and share strategies and success stories.

Cyber bullying
This site tackles text bullying and gives strategies for what to do if you receive a threatening message by SMS.
http://wiredsafety.org/gb/law/spam/uk_cyberbullying.html

It's not cool to be cruel!
It's Not Cool to be Cruel gives advice to students, teachers and parents about bullying. Sections include a definition of bullying, the hows and whys of the problem and suggestions about what
to do if you are being bullied. Children are also encouraged to reflect if they are bullying others and why this might be the case.
http://www.notcooltocruel.com/

Bullies playground
The transcript and the ABC Four Corners programme and 'The Bullies' Playground' can be viewed on the supporting website with additional interviews and links. The programme examined the effect of bullying on young people, with particular reference to cyber bullying.
http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/content/2009/s2533505.htm

Kids help line
The Kids Help Line provides a number of useful links to help and advice for Australian students about bullying.

Reach out!
This site has fact sheets on the following topics, Alternative therapies, Body image, Bullying, Arguments, Drugs and alcohol, the Future, Looking after yourself, Family, Feelings, Working through stuff, Gambling, Grief / bereavement, Dealing with medical issues, Mental / health, Depression, Pregnancy, Relationships, Violence / trauma, Sexuality, Stress /relaxation and Resilience.
http://au.reachout.com/

Violence in media

School violence
This Why Files site provides information about gun danger in US schools, why students are using guns, who can help and the importance of gun safety.
http://whyfiles.org/065school_violence/
Effects of media violence on children
The Effects of Media Violence on Children by Dr. Jane Ledingham for the Canadian National Clearinghouse on Family Violence, examines the relationship between TV and children's behaviour.
http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/issues/violence/effects_media_violence.cfm

Media violence articles
The Media Awareness Network provides information about violence in the media. Topics covered include TV, films and video games, crime coverage and the effects of media violence.
http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/issues/index.cfm

Violence in the media
This site has useful background articles, research, analysis and discussion of the long term effects of media violence.
http://www.medialit.org/media-values/media-values-articles-52-63

Effects of violence in the media
Young Media Australia has devised this website with information topics that describe the short term and long term effects of violence in the media.
http://www.youngmedia.org.au/mediachildren/02_violence.htm

Ask the Library Staff for assistance if needed. We are always pleased to help.