Liveability and Poverty

ACTIVITY 1 - ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY

Use the table below to list all of the things that increase and decrease the liveability of places.

THINGS THAT INCREASE LIVEABILITY	THINGS THAT DECREASE LIVEABILITY

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ACTIVITY 2 - POVERTY STRICKEN COMMUNITIES

For each of the following images, write a brief description of what you can see in the picture and what you think is happening. Next, identify any positive and negative aspects of liveability that can be seen in the picture.



POSITIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY	NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY

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1. Why would people live in the places shown in the pictures?
2. What are some of the similarities you notice between the different places shown in the pictures?
3. Based on what you can see in the pictures, which place do you think would be the most liveable? Justify your response.
4. Based on what you can see in the pictures, which place do you think would be the least liveable? Justify your response.
5. How could the place you identified in question 4 be made more liveable?

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THINGS THAT INCREASE LIVEABILITY	THINGS THAT DECREASE LIVEABILITY
Housing affordability	Extreme climates
Employment opportunities	War/conflict
Efficient public transport	Pollution
Human Rights	Crime
Adequate healthcare	Noise
Access to education	Traffic
Environmental quality	Unsuitable housing
Freedom	Low supply of food and water
Safety	Isolation

ACTIVITY 2 - POVERTY STRICKEN COMMUNITIES

For each of the following images, write a brief description of what you can see in the picture and what you think is happening. Next, identify any positive and negative aspects of liveability that can be seen in the picture.



This image is from Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh. It shows rows of slums built alongside a train line. Many families can be seen walking along the train tracks. The buildings look to be of poor quality and the ground is dirty, with large amounts of litter.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY	NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY
Social connections	Poor Housing
Adequate clothing	Litter
Public transport (train)	Crowded
	Noise
	Safety - next to a train line

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This image shows an open-air school in Kenya. There are around 15 children in the picture and a teacher standing next to a blackboard. There are a number of wooden tables and chairs and the lesson is taking place under a tree in a dirt field.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY	NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY
Access to education	Lower quality of education
Social relationships	Extreme climates (seen by the lack of vegetation)
	Lack of infrastructure

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This image is from Kenya. It shows two young boys (primary school age or below) who appear to be collecting water from a small stream next to the dirt road. There are a number of poorly constructed houses that can be seen in the background.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY	NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY
Community – perhaps working together as seen with the two boys	Low supply of water/unclean water Poor Housing
Adequate clothing	Lack of infrastructure (dirt roads)
	Health (dirty water)

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This image shows the slums in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. There are a large number of houses built in a very small area. The houses appear to be built into a hillside.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY	NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF LIVEABILITY
Shelter	Crowded
	Low quality housing
	Noise
	Safety (many people close by, possibility of landslides etc.)
	No privacy

ACTIVITY 3 - POVERTY AND LIVEABILITY

Student responses to the questions in this section will vary. It provides a good opportunity to generate class discussion about what criteria/factors students are using to decide on liveability.