



Questions for Classroom Discussion

Choosing A Charity

- **What is a charity or cause to which you would like to donate your money?**
 - ⇒ Consider different causes that charities might focus on such as fighting disease, helping the poor, assisting animals, saving the environment, helping veterans... and many more
 - ⇒ Consider donating to something that you're passionate about, or where you really feel that a difference can be made
 - ⇒ Consider if a certain charity is serving your cause in a way that you hope it would
 - ⇒ Consider the importance of giving to charities that you know versus new or unknown charities

- **What are some of the deciding factors when choosing a charity?**
 - ⇒ Consider how strongly you feel about the cause of the charity and what you want to accomplish
 - ⇒ Consider what you can offer to a charity (money, supplies, time, etc.)
 - ⇒ Consider that there are "charities to be avoided" and why that might be the case (i.e. they might be poorly managed, or unable to provide real help, or they may even be deceitful)
 - ⇒ Consider the charity's overall ranking and rating from third-party sources (there are many non-profit groups that rank charities based on how they spend money and what they accomplish)

- **How would you expect a charity to spend your money once you have donated?**
 - ⇒ Consider how some money goes to help with the cause, and some goes to "administration" (each charity is different in how it spends money)
 - ⇒ Consider who determines how the donated funds are spent, and what their main goals are (i.e. provide help to those who suffer, educate the public, find a cure, etc.)
 - ⇒ Consider if the charity is open and transparent on how it spends donated funds