CANADA IN ACTION — THE COMMONWEALTH / LA FRANCOPHONIE

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Suggestions About Activities

- Appoint a team of students to clip newspaper and magazine articles about the April elections in South Africa. Have the team summarize the latest news and lead a class discussion.
- Read a novel or short story by one of the new Commonwealth writers and then write a book report.
- leaders of both La Francophonie and the Commonwealth strongly believe that sports can help young people learn important values. Imagine that a benefactor has given you \$10,000 to design a sports project for young people. As a class, choose a sport, set the goals of your program, outline a budget (equipment, facilities, publicity, etc.), and suggest how you would attract kids and coaches to the program. Discuss how you would involve young people who are not very good at sports.
- You run into someone who says: "The Commonwealth is just an outdated vestige of British colonialism. Our important economic ties are with the United States. Canada should forget about the Commonwealth." What is your response?
- According to the Harare Declaration, issued by the Commonwealth Heads of Government in 1991: "The special strength of the Commonwealth lies in the combination of the diversity of its members with their shared inheritance in language, culture and the rule of law." Design a poster illustrating this statement. If you prefer, your poster could illustrate one or more of the Singapore Principles.
- Prepare a presentation for the class on the music of a Commonwealth or Francophonie member country, such as Jamaica, France, Australia, or Viet Nam.
- When the Commonwealth Heads of Government met in Cyprus in 1993, they noted that young people represent a large and ever-growing proportion of the population of the Commonwealth. They affirmed "the importance of the unique role which young people could play in tackling priority issues including the protection of the rights of youth and children, HIV/ AIDS, creating employment opportunities and combating the abuse of drugs and alcohol." Write a letter to Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Training and Youth) in which you suggest ways in which young people can better participate in forming Canada's policies on youth issues. What issues should be the top priority in Canada? Do Canada's policies influence other Commonwealth countries?