

HomeTalk

thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Let's talk about...

Interdependence

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Quotes about interdependence



Karen Armstrong
writer and religious commentator

We can either emphasize those aspects of our traditions, religious or secular, that speak of hatred, exclusion, and suspicion, or work with those that stress the interdependence and equality of all human beings. The choice is yours.



Anna Lappé
sustainable food advocate

Every time you spend money, you're casting a vote for the kind of world you want.

Globalization has shown in the global crisis that we are all in the same boat.



Hassan Rouhani
president of Iran 2013-2021



John Donne
Renaissance poet

No man is an island.



George Soros
investor and philanthropist

Globalization has rendered the world increasingly interdependent, but international politics is still based on the sovereignty of states.

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Karen Armstrong quote from <https://www.whatsouldreadnext.com/quotes/karen-armstrong-we-can-either-emphasize-those>

Anna Lappé quote from <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/587373-every-time-you-spend-money-you-re-casting-a-vote-for>

Hassan Rouhani quote from https://reports.weforum.org/annual-meeting-2014/meeting-society-new-expectations/7doing_wp_cron-1650918339.530143025372314453125

John Donne quote from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Donne

George Soros quote from <https://quote fancy.com/quote/1422066/George-Soros-Globalization-has-rendered-the-world-increasingly-interdependent-but>

Thinking about interdependence

Caring thinking

When we buy things made by people we haven't met, how can we make sure they are getting a fair deal?

Collaborative thinking

What are some ways of collaborating with people in different places around the world?



Creative thinking

Can you think of a way to spend a day that doesn't depend on anybody else in any way?

Critical thinking

Depending on other people – good idea / bad idea? Why?

When did trading between different places begin?

How might global trade change in the future?

What is the relationship between you and the people who make your stuff?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

CONNECT



DIVIDE

LISTEN/LOOK

ZOOM (in/out)

What products does almost everybody depend on? Where do they come from?

What are the differences between depending on other people and depending on natural resources?

How can you tell where things come from?

Think of something you use every day. What journey did it make to reach you? (There might be more than one step.)

Discussion suggestions (age 3 – 5)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/SxoHo-xCjFM?t=9>

The World Came To My Place Today

by Jo Readman and Ley Honor Roberts

Talking Points

- Can you remember three things that came to George's house?
- Which places did they come from?
- Why were they brought from so far away?

Activity

Lots of things from other places arrive on container ships.

- Find out what a container ship looks like.
- Draw or make a container ship, with some containers on board.
- Fill the containers with what might be inside – things that you like to use, eat or drink.

Discussion suggestions (age 6 – 9)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/09IK9OvWpju> (watch up to 4.55)

How do you live off-grid?

A family in the UK who are trying to provide more for themselves and depend less on others

Talking Points

- Why is this way of life called ‘off-grid’?
- How different or similar is this to your life?
- Even the Watsonsons still depend on some other people. Can you work out who?
- In countries like the UK, only a few families live this way. Why do you think that is?
- Living off-grid – good idea / bad idea? Why?

Activity

- Watch the video again and imagine that this was your home. Is there anything you would want to change or improve? Try to think of an ‘off-grid’ way of making your changes.

Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

Stimulus



https://youtu.be/dD_vyptah-g

Globalisation

‘Globalisation’ is a word often associated with interdependence. This short video explains what globalisation means, and how it affects us.

Talking Points

- Think about the people you know. How does globalisation impact them, in good or bad ways?
- The video mentions some problems with globalisation. Can you think of some ways to solve these problems?

Activity

- Gather together five specific items you use every day. For example, items of food, tech or clothes.
- Look at each one and try to find out where it was made.
- What materials is each item made of?
- Can you discover where in the world any of these materials come from? You are dependent on the people who produce these materials! What can you learn about their lives?

More on interdependence...

Other aspects of interdependence to explore:

- Cultural, for example sharing knowledge, skills, crafts, recipes...
- Tourism
- Spiritual, for example religions with global organisation
- Security / defence agreements
- Peace treaties
- International law, including human rights

Definitions of 'Free Trade' and 'Fair Trade' (similar names, different concepts)

<https://www.fairtradefederation.org/fair-trade-free-trade/>

International Trade Agreements

A detailed introduction to international trade agreements, for older students – why they exist, what they cover, and some of the challenges.

<https://youtu.be/1hBf1VzO3K8>

Question from a 9-year-old in Manchester during a P4C (Philosophy for Children) session:

Which is more important – independence or interdependence?



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- Includes premium resources and teacher guide

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