



Restavek System In Haitian Culture



Imagine if your parents couldn't afford to raise you, so you were sent to live with strangers who required you to cook and do household chores to earn your keep.

This is a way of life for many children in Haiti, a system that continues to this day. In a country plagued with poverty and natural disasters such as the 2010 earthquake, there is no end in sight for this practice. Many children in this system live in poor conditions without food and education.

Use the text box below to record answers to the following questions:

1 What are your thoughts on child slavery? How does it make you feel that some children must work to earn food and a place to sleep?

2 Education is important. How do you think a lack of education will impact the future for children in Haiti?

3 Restavek comes from the French phrase, "to stay with." How would you feel to have to stay with strangers until you became an adult?

4 Child slavery is illegal in the United States, but it still happens here and elsewhere in the world. Do a Google search to find the names of organizations who are working to end child slavery and record several names here:



CHILD SLAVERY

