Hunger and Disease

Issues in Sub-Saharan Africa
The following images show the seriousness of the famine in Africa.

The images can be difficult to look at and are also very emotionally moving.

In your notes write and respond to the questions that follow each image.
Have you ever been hungry?
How long did you go without food?
What does it feel like to be hungry?
Why do people go hungry?
When does hunger become starvation?
Who’s responsibility is it to provide food for this child? What if they can’t?
What could this boy be thinking about?

What could he be feeling?
What is this boy doing? Why?
How many people in Africa die from starvation each year?
What can you do to help?
Why are people in Africa Hungry?

• Drought - Two recent droughts: 1968-1972 and early 1980’s turned farmland into wasteland.

• Growing population - 2.6% growth rate.

• Poverty - gross domestic product (GDP) of $150 billion
Why are people in Africa Hungry?

• Desertification - The Sahara Desert is growing and reducing farmland.

• Overdependence on Cash Crops - crops grown for a profit, not to feed the people.

• Civil War - From the 1970’s to 1990’s, fighting has kept the food from the starving people.
Write a paragraph describing your feelings about the famine and hunger that exist in Africa.

Write a second paragraph listing possible solutions that you feel could help the situation.
AIDS in Africa

• 70% of the people living with AIDS are in Africa.
• 23.5 million Africans have AIDS or HIV
• Over 14 million Africans have died from AIDS.
• AIDS has left more than 13 million orphans
• Less than 0.1% are receiving drug therapy.
• People with AIDS are persecuted
Why is AIDS such a huge problem in Africa?
- lifestyles
- poverty
- false myths
- lack of education

AIDS is contracted through:
- contaminated needles
- infected blood
- pregnant women to babies
- sexual contact