

TEACHER'S GUIDE

**RENEWABLE ENERGY AT THE SERVICE
OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**



Suggested Level	Secondary 1-2 (7 th -8 th grade)
Length	Approximately 55 minutes (1 period)
Subjects	English, language of instruction
Broad Areas of Learning	Environment awareness and consumer rights and responsibilities
Focuses of Development	Construction of a viable environment based on sustainable development
Educational Aim	Lead the student to invent or create by writing a short story. Help the student to maintain a critical perspective towards consumerism and how we treat the environment.
Subject-Specific Competencies	To write self-expressive, narrative and information-based texts
Cross Curricular Competencies	To communicate appropriately To use creativity



Background Information

Since 1998, the Solidarity Committee of Trois-Rivières, Quebec, has been supporting renewable energy in Cuba as a sustainable solution for environmental protection. This organisation focuses on international cooperation, and is working in collaboration with another organisation from Cuba, Cubasolar. The Committee is supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), which allows it to send numerous interns each year to live an experience of international cooperation.



Instructions

The students are invited to carefully review the table as well as the photos, and to think of what the images represent. They are asked to imagine putting themselves in the shoes of a young boy or girl who benefits from a newly electrified school room or medical clinic, thanks to solar energy. Given these elements, they are to create a short story of 300 words or more in which the hero is a Canadian intern whose mission is to bring electricity to an isolated village.



To learn more about the subject, you may wish to consult the following sources and propose them to your students:

The Comité de Solidarité/Trois-Rivières (in French only): www.cs3r.org (solar panel installation project)

The In-Terre-Actif Network: www.in-terre-actif.com/english/show.php?id=2677 (information on renewable Energy)

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