



World Geography

Conflict Diamonds

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Directions: Read over the following quotes and explanations of Blood Diamonds and answer the associated questions.

“CONFLICT DIAMONDS means rough diamonds used by rebel movements or their allies to finance conflict aimed at undermining legitimate governments, as described in relevant United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions insofar as they remain in effect, or in other similar UNSC resolutions which may be adopted in the future, and as understood and recognised in United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution 55/56, or in other similar UNGA resolutions which may be adopted in future;”

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme, Section I

1. In your own words describe what are conflict diamonds and why are they such a problem?

“Throughout the history of Africa, whenever a substance of value is found, the locals die, in great number and in misery. This was true of ivory, rubber, gold, oil, this is now true of diamonds”.

Blood Diamond, Warner Bros Pictures, 2006

2. How does this quote connect resources in Africa to imperialism?

“Each Participant should...

...establish a system of internal controls designed to eliminate the presence of conflict diamonds from shipments of rough diamonds imported into and exported from its territory;”

The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme, Section VI

3. Come up with three possible ways participants could enact measures to meet the requirements of section IV.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

“...the Diamond Industry has fallen short of implementing the necessary policies for self-regulation. The retail sector in particular fails to provide sufficient assurance to consumers that the diamonds they sell are conflict-free. That is why we need your help to find out how policies are being communicated at the shop level, and what actions, if any, are being taken to ensure that policies are more than just rhetoric. At the same time, you’ll be sending a strong message to your local jewelers that their role in diamond-fueled conflict must end.”

Amnesty International Website; Oil, Gas and Mining Industries

4. Who does Amnesty call out for needing to improve and why? And how can ordinary people help end the flow of conflict diamonds?