



Inequality

Is our world a fair place? Find out about inequality and about people who have changed our world for the better. Have a look at the topic of gender inequality.



Is Our World a Fair Place?

Did you know that today there are nearly 7.8 billion people on planet Earth?
That's **7, 800, 000, 000** humans like you and me - that's a lot of people!



Let's pretend the earth is a village of just **100** people.
50 people would be women and 50 people would be men.
25 people would be children and 75 people would be adults.

For the following questions, circle the number you think is correct.

1. How many villagers wouldn't have clean water?
4 9 16
2. How many people in the village wouldn't have enough food?
12 1 5
3. How many people wouldn't have shelter?
2 12 22
4. How many villagers wouldn't have electricity?
15 18 25
5. How many people in our village would not be able to read and write?
2 4 14

Check the answers at the bottom of the page. This village is what our world is really like.
Is it a fair place? Why / Why not?



Gender Inequality

Let's think a bit more about question number 5 on the previous page. 14% of people in our world can't read or write. Did you know 2 thirds of those people are women?

This is just one fact which shows that generally women don't have as many opportunities and rights as men in our world. This is known as **gender inequality**. Read the facts below to learn more.

1. More than **130 million** girls are not in school.



2. In terms of power and decision making, women held only **28%** of managerial positions globally in 2019 – almost the same proportion as in 1995.



3. On an average day, women spend about **3 times** as many hours on unpaid domestic work and care work as men.



4. Globally, women earn **16%** less than men on average.



5. It is legal for husbands to stop their wives from working in **18 countries**.

Facts:

1. <https://malala.org/girls-education?sc=header>
2. *The World's Women 2020: Trends and Statistics* by UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs
3. UN - <https://worlds-women-2020-data-undesa.hub.arcgis.com/>
4. *Oxfam International Women's Day Slideshow* (updated for 2022) - available on Oxfam Education website
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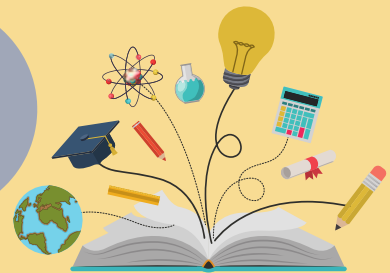
Inequality: Why is Education Important?

Draw a picture in the space below and write a few sentences to illustrate what your favourite subject in school is. What topics have you learnt about this year? Which did you enjoy the most?:





Reflect: On the previous page we saw that 130 million girls are not in school. What things would you be unable to do if you'd never been to school?



On the previous page we saw some of the effects that gender inequality has on women. There are other types of inequality. People might not have as many rights or opportunities because of their race, colour, religion, sexuality, disability, background or the area they come from.

However, there are many examples of people today and throughout history who have said no to inequality! Read about Malala Yousafzai on the next page to learn about how she stood up against inequality.



Saying "No" to Inequality



Name: Malala Yousafzei

Born: July 12th 1997 in Pakistan

Story: In 2008 she was banned from school for being a girl. She spoke out publicly on behalf of girls and their right to learn. That made her a target. In 2012 she was shot on her way home from school...but she survived. After months of surgeries and rehabilitation she joined her family in the U.K. With her father she established Malala Fund. The charity works to make sure girls throughout the world get 12 years of education. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in December 2014.



What an incredible story! Now it's your turn to do some research! Find out about someone who stood up against inequality. Complete the profile below, using the one above as your example. There are some suggestions for people to research below, or of course you can come up with your own idea!

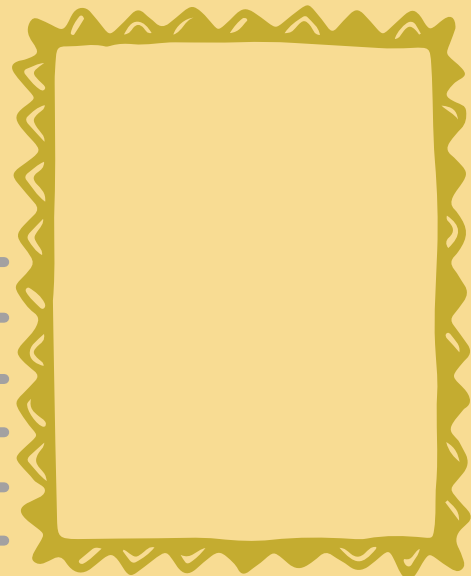
Suggestions: Rosa Parks Martin Luther King Jr Helen Keller



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Story:



Information about Malala Yousafzai from *The Malala Fund* website: <https://malala.org/malalas-story>

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More teaching resources are available at: <https://economistfoundation.org/resources/> - The Economist Educational Foundation's *Girls in Education* resource