

Think Big: Solve Today's Issues Together

Grade: Junior High & High School

Subject: Social Studies & Philosophy

Time Frame: 3 Class Periods

Sustainable Development Goals Focus:

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being, **SDG 8:** Reduced Inequalities, **SDG 13:** Climate Action

Lesson Focus and Goals:

- *Focus:* Solving real-world issues through collaborative case studies and ethical problem-solving.
- *Goals:* Build problem-solving and critical thinking skills while tackling global challenges like inequality, climate change, or justice.

Materials Needed:

- Access to [AwarEd Challenges](#)
- Computer or tablet for research

Learning Objectives:

- Analyze and discuss case studies related to current social issues.
- Propose actionable solutions to global challenges.
- Work in teams to collaborate on research and problem-solving.

Structure / Activity:

Introduction (10 minutes):

- Introduce the Challenge page on AwarEd, where real-world problems are posed for students to solve. Discuss the SDGs linked to good health and well-being, reduced inequalities, and climate action, and explain how students will work in teams to propose solutions.

Case Study Selection (20 minutes):

- Students choose one of the available challenges (e.g., addressing mental health stigma, climate change, or creating sustainable job growth).
- In groups, they will research the issue and analyze the current social media and real-world landscape related to the challenge.

Research & Proposal (2 class periods):

- Students research current strategies addressing the issue, assess their effectiveness, and propose new solutions.
- Each group prepares a presentation of their solution, either as a written report, video, or multimedia presentation.

Presentation & Peer Review (1 class period):

- Groups present their solutions to the class and submit their presentation on AwarEd.
- Students participate in peer review by commenting on submissions, offering constructive feedback on the solutions and discussing how feasible they are in addressing the challenge.

Assessment:

- Research and proposal of solutions
- Presentation of findings
- Peer review participation