

NORTHSTAR 3e Level 1

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Video Activity Worksheet

Unit 7: Famous People

The Influence of Bill and Melinda Gates

Comprehension

Predict

This video is about the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a charity that helps provide support to the poorest of nations. What kinds of support do you think the charity provides?

Study these words. Then watch the video.

charity: an organization that gives money or help to people who need it

contribution: some money that you give to help pay for something

endowment: a large amount of money or property that is given to a college, hospital, etc. so that it has an income

forgotten: something is forgotten when we are unable to remember it

gross domestic product: a measure of the output of a nation's economy

inequity: lack of fairness, or something that isn't fair

mission: the important aim in someone's work

plaguing: making someone suffer over a long period of time, or causing trouble again and again

priority: the thing that you think is most important and needs your attention first

sake of: if you do something for the sake of it, you do it because you want to and not for any particular reason

sink (v.): to get into a worse state

vaccination: act of putting a medicine that stops people from getting a disease into someone

vast: extremely large



Focus

Watch the video. Choose the correct answer. Circle a, b, or c.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is funded by Gates' personal _____.

- a. wealth
- b. education
- c. technology

Comprehension

Read the statements. Then watch the video again. Choose True or False for each statement. Circle T or F.

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| 1. It costs only a few hundred dollars to save dying children in poor nations. | T | F |
| 2. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's top priority is global health. | T | F |
| 3. The foundation gave \$29.1 billion to take on AIDS, malaria, and child vaccinations. | T | F |
| 4. In America, the foundation focuses on technology. | T | F |
| 5. The Gates' total global contribution is over \$10 billion. | T | F |

Speaking

Do you think global health should be the foundation's biggest priority? Explain.

Writing

What global issues would you focus on if you funded a charity? Why?

