

**Student Handout E**

**Topic: The U.S. and AIDS**

Guiding Questions

**The U.S. and AIDS (October 4, 2002)**

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week605/cover.html>

This video investigates U.S. political and religious organizations' responsibility for AIDS victims abroad.

1. Dr. Peterson says, "There's a misunderstanding of AIDS both as a disease and an epidemic, and its impact on the social fabric of other countries." What are some of the misunderstandings that she refers to?
2. What are some of the effects of high rates of HIV/AIDS on a country's social fabric and institutions?
3. How might the AIDS epidemic in Africa affect the U.S.?
4. A World Vision poll found that half of the evangelical Christians they questioned said they were "unlikely to donate to AIDS prevention and education programs." Why do you suppose they feel this way?
5. Do you think the U.S. should make the HIV/AIDS problem in Africa a top priority and devote resources to it accordingly? Explain.

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