

Foreign Correspondent

Who?

Groups of four people

What?

A human-interest report from abroad

How?

Make a human-interest report and perform your report together in your group.

Here is an example. You can use this or make your own story.

Characters:

- Reporter
- Malmus Hassan
- Berin Mulla
- Ahmad Shah

Reporter

(Microphone in hand, Talking to the camera.) Here in Afghanistan, some 40,000 children work the streets as thieves. But some children are getting a second chance thanks to a charity called Ashiana. I'm talking now to Berin Mulla, the founder of the charity.

Berin Mulla

Most Afghans don't think about how difficult it is for these kids. But if these kids grow up without education or love, they won't become good members of society.

Reporter

Mulla started Ashiana six years ago, to help street-working kids. He was arrested three times under the Taliban, but he kept the centers open. Malmus Hassan is one of the children at Mulla's center.

Malmus

I wanted to be a doctor, but I couldn't even read.

Reporter

Now, Malmus can read and write and he wants to be an engineer. The center also deals with the trauma to the children caused by years of war. Ahmad Shah has been teaching art at Ashiana for six years.

Ahmad Shah

For 23 years we have been in war and all of these kids have been affected. They have a lot of psychological problems and many have lost their memories.

Reporter

Shah uses art for therapy, urging the kids to draw pictures of their past, present and future.

Ahmad Shah

I show the kids that we have all been touched by war, but we need to move on.

Reporter

Things are beginning to improve for these children. However, with more and more refugees returning to Afghanistan every day, the need for international aid is growing urgent. This is, reporting from Afghanistan.

Project idea: Make a News Program. Include a report from a country in the news. Choose roles for each other. Write the script. Learn the lines. Rehearse together. Find costumes. Perform the Report to a different group. Ask the teacher for help. Choose a date for your presentation. Mark it in the Presentation Schedule (*Class Journal*).