



CLINTON BUSH **HAITI** FUND

Celebrate Haiti Poster Project

We are asking students like you to use your voice to stand up, remember, and celebrate Haiti's victories by designing posters as a part of the Celebrate Haiti Poster Project.

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Why Your Voice Matters

We are coming up on the two year anniversary of the Haitian earthquake and we will be sharing the posters with children in Haiti. We want them to know that they are not forgotten and that their strength and determination is something that we celebrate.

Stand up and remember one of the most devastating earthquakes in history where almost 250,000 people lost their lives, and about one million people were left homeless. Celebrate its victories. Even in the face of natural disaster and many obstacles, the Haitian people don't give up. They are proud, strong, creative, and vibrant.

Stand Up, Remember, and Celebrate Haiti



What should my poster be about?

Celebrate Haiti in your poster and use it to teach others. It can be any size. You can draw and paint. You can use collage, maps, words, photos, and poetry. There is only one rule. Somewhere on each poster there should be three words: **Remember. Celebrate. Haiti.**

Tap into Haiti's creative culture filled with art and expression. Understand how history and nature have played a part in shaping Haiti. See our page on Haiti's [hopes](#) & [struggles](#) for inspiration.

Come Along

Be a part of our Celebrate Haiti Poster Project. Send us photos of your poster. We'll show them off on our site.

kids@ClintonBushHaitiFund.org

Share

Become a [group leader](#). Speak to your class, club, team, community, or religious group. Invite them to join the poster project.

Discover

The more you know about Haiti, the stronger your voice will be. Surf our [For Kids](#) page. Learn all you can. Become an expert.

Inspire Yourself

The colors and culture of Haiti are vibrant. Be inspired by Haitian art. Learn all about Haitian creative crafts. Use tropical colors.

Show Off

Use your poster as a visual aid and share how your class, club, community or religious group can help Haiti. Hang your posters in your school or in your community.

Get Famous

Write letters to the editor of your local and school newspaper. Contact TV or radio stations. Let them know about your project.

Volunteer

Contact your SL coordinator and receive service learning hours for participating in the project.

Be the Buzz

Use Facebook to raise your voice. Create an online exhibit. Share photographs of your posters and post about Haiti.

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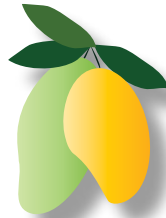
In your community, organize an event and exhibit your posters. See [Kids Helping Kids](#) for events created by students just like you.

What are Haiti's hopes and struggles? ►

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Art and Crafts



Mangos



Coffee



Education



Healthcare



Clothing



Building



Tourism

Art and Crafts - Get inspired by the colors of Haitian art. The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund works with many retailers like [Macy's](#) and Anthropologie. They buy Haitian crafts and sell them in their stores. This provides jobs for Haitian families.

Mangos - Sweet and juicy mangos are one of Haiti's success stories. Ask your local grocery store to carry mangos grown in Haiti. This also supports tree planting and sustainable farming.

Coffee - Delicious coffee is grown in one of the only remaining rainforests of Haiti. Ask your coffee shop and grocery store to carry Haitian coffee. It supports the farmers and saves the rainforest in Haiti.

Clothing - Our Fund is helping rebuild businesses that were destroyed in the earthquake, so they can get back to sewing and creating clothing and textiles. Ask for made-in-Haiti products at your favorite store.

Healthcare - Our Fund works with groups to train staff and build clinics to keep families and children healthy so they can go to work, to school, to play, and learn.

Building - Our Fund is investing in training architects to build new schools, and training at-risk youth to be construction workers. Haitians are building seismically (earthquake) safe buildings.

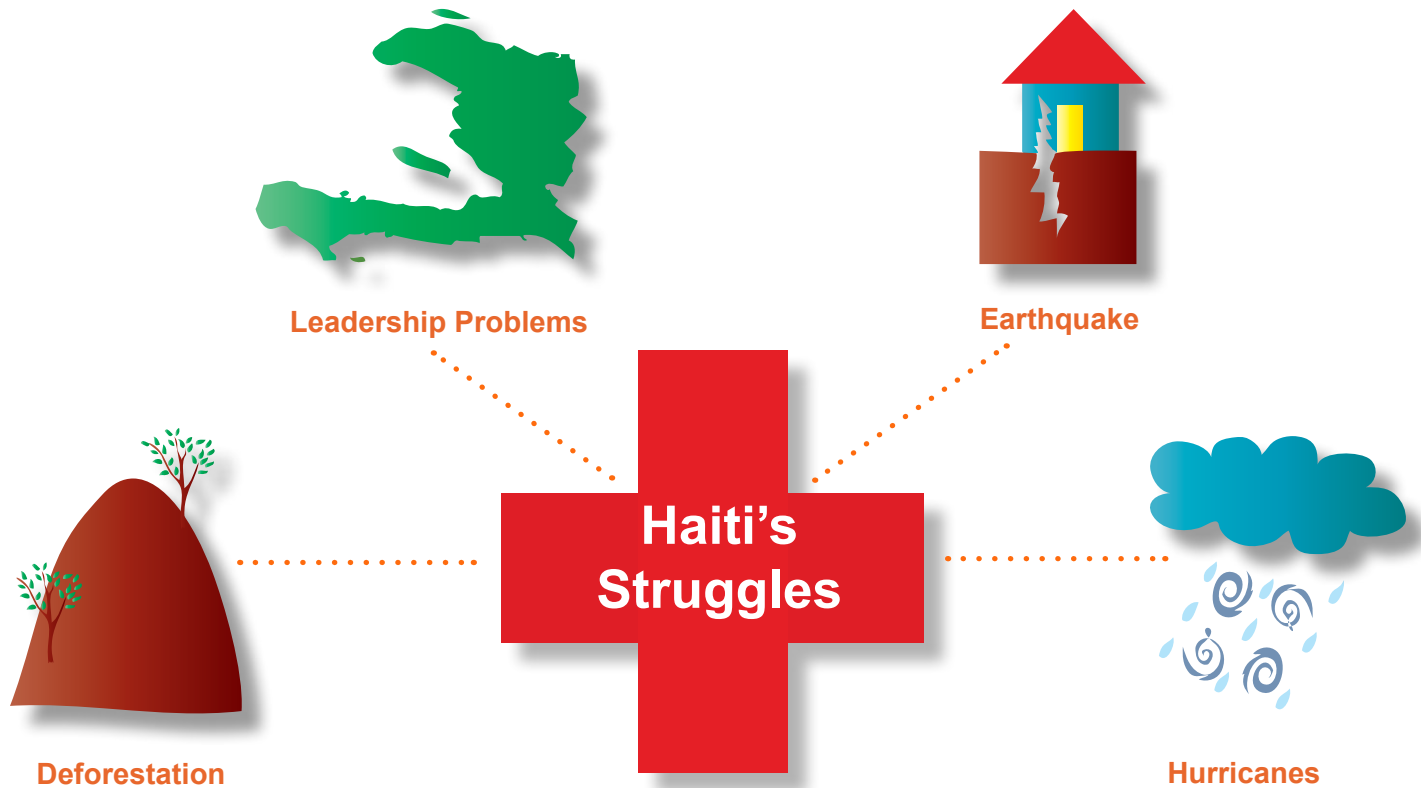
Tourism - So more tourists can visit this beautiful country, our Fund is investing in a hotel that is seismically safe. We hope one day the beautiful beaches and vibrant culture in Haiti will make it a top vacation spot.

Education - From elementary to university education, to training teenagers and adults for jobs, the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund is dedicated to giving the Haitian people a brighter educated future.

To learn all about the programs we support in Haiti visit our [For Kids](#) page and click on [Kids in Haiti](#). Get a glimpse of how one high school student's life has changed since the earthquake; [click here](#) to watch the video.

[Haiti's struggles](#) ►

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Earthquake

The 2010 earthquake was one of the most devastating in history. Learn all you can about earthquakes on our [For Kids](#) page and at the [USGS kids site](#).

Deforestation

With oil too expensive for most people in Haiti, charcoal from burnt trees has provided most of the energy. Very few trees remain because so many trees have been cut down for fuel. Learn how deforestation has hurt Haiti.

Hurricanes

Haiti sits directly on the Atlantic Hurricane Belt. Each year hurricanes pass through the Caribbean and Haiti on their way north. The hurricanes' heavy rains pour down onto the bare landscape, which is stripped of most of its trees, and create flash floods and damage. [Click here](#) to find Haiti on the Weather Channel's Hurricane Tracker map. Are there any active tropical storms? What path will they take? Click on [Historical Tracker](#) to see the path of past hurricanes.

Leadership Problems

The Haitian people have had to bear many struggles with government, from colonialism to dictatorships. Leadership struggles have been very hard on the people of Haiti. Fortunately, now Haiti has a new democratically elected president and with the friendship of the world, the country's future looks bright.

Learn about the **Clinton Bush Haiti Fund** and understand why it is different from typical aid organizations. For instance, we do not send "aid." An example of "aid" would be to send Haiti clothes. Instead we help Haitians to start or grow businesses to make their own clothes. Another way to explain it would be, if you had a friend do your homework, you might get an A, but you wouldn't have learned how to get that A on your own.

You may have heard of the proverb "Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish, and you have fed him for a lifetime." The Clinton Bush Haiti Fund works with [programs](#) in Haiti to help Haitians start businesses, learn job skills, and build their own future.

Group Leader's Guide ►

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1. What is the Celebrate Haiti Poster Project?

We are asking students to use their talents to stand up, remember, and celebrate Haiti by designing posters. The poster project is a way for parents, teachers, and youth leaders to encourage kids to learn about Haiti. Through these posters they can share what they have learned about the country—its people and its history.

2. Are there any rules?

There is only one rule. Somewhere on each poster there should be three words: **Remember. Celebrate. Haiti.**

Use these words in any way. Other than this, the possibilities are endless. Draw, design, paint, collage, or map. Write a story or a poem. Make our *Helping Handprints* (cut a 8.5' X 8.5' piece of paper, have the student trace their hand and let them create). Whatever the method, kids of all ages can use creativity to commemorate Haiti.

3. Where can kids learn about Haiti?

Click on the blue links. Visit www.ClintonBushHaitiFund.org/kids. Read about [Haiti's history](#). Play our [Geo Bee](#). Read kids' most [frequently asked questions](#). Learn about the [programs](#) the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund supports. Learn about Haitian art and crafts. Art in Haiti is colorful, vibrant, and inspirational.

From here, it is up to the kids to decide where to go. Kids can do their own research individually or as a group, or work with what they have already learned. One of the most important ways to help Haiti is to educate ourselves about its history, its present, and its future. The more we know, the stronger our voice will be.

4. Why does your voice matter?

[Watch a short video](#) about Diandine, a Port-au-Prince high school senior who lost her home and school because of the earthquake. See her life in a tent camp, and find out what it means to her to know that Haiti has not been forgotten. Even in the face of natural disaster and many obstacles, the Haitian people don't give up. They are proud, strong, creative, and vibrant. With your voice you can raise awareness for Haiti. You can remember and celebrate the strength and resilience of the Haitian people.

5. How do we share the posters?

Submit photographs or scans of the posters or *Helping Handprints* to the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund: kids@ClintonBushHaitiFund.org and we will post them on our website. We also encourage kids to use the posters they create to teach other youth and adults in the community about Haiti.

6. Can kids get service hours for working on this project?

We believe so. Contact your SL coordinator, or other volunteer coordinator, and ask how you can receive service learning hours for participating in this project.

7. Questions?

The Celebrate Haiti Poster Project is wonderful group activity. If you would like to participate, we'll help you get started and answer any of your questions. Email us at: kids@ClintonBushHaitiFund.org

