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Reader's Digest: Global Learning through Reading

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Education serves as the foundation for the development of knowledge, skills, and human capital, which drives worldwide innovation and growth in the economy. All students deserve a high-quality global education. As the world grows more interconnected, the government sees the importance of global learning and the need to modernise its educational systems and prepare youth for success. To make this possible, educators play an important role in creating a globally inclusive environment for students.

There is no doubt that our lives are becoming ever more global as barriers between nations and people begin to fade. Students should be exposed to the issues that transcend national boundaries. For example, educators across all fields can create meaningful learning experiences that delve into the viewpoints of other cultures, use international examples, and promote critical thinking about global issues. Together, these global learning experiences equip students to engage the larger world with greater confidence, thoughtfulness, and empathy.

To equip the students with a better understanding of diverse perspectives and cultures, one of the most accessible and effective tools for fostering this understanding is through reading. Reader's Digest is an example of reading material that offers a vital window into diverse cultures, promoting understanding and empathy through its rich collection of stories. The magazine has provided readers with engaging narratives that highlight the customs, traditions, and experiences of people from around the world. Through its insightful content, the magazine not only broadens horizons but also inspires positive social change and deeper cultural appreciation among its readers.



Educators can use Reader's Digest to motivate students to love reading. Besides enhancing their literacy skills, it also promotes critical thinking, as the magazine is known for its well-researched and thoughtfully written articles that cover a wide range of topics. Reader's Digest has always been more than just a magazine; it has been a gateway to the world since 1922. Each issue is a curated collection of stories, articles, and features that provide readers with glimpses into the lives, traditions, and experiences of people from different corners of the globe. This exposure is invaluable in today's globalised society, where cultural awareness and sensitivity are paramount.



Image 1:

CRew RD (Creative Reading and Writing with Reader's Digest) program with Sekolah Menengah Agama Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.

This magazine also has unique features and articles that offer thought-provoking quotes and ideas to urge students to reflect on their beliefs and values. It also excels at telling stories that evoke empathy, whether they are about survival, a heartwarming act of kind-heartedness, or a personal journey of transformation. These stories frequently highlight the shared human experiences that transcend cultural boundaries, reminding us of our common humanity. By reading this magazine, students can develop the cognitive skills necessary for analysing information and making reasoned decisions, which are essential for navigating the complexities of today's society.

Finally, through global learning, students are expected to strengthen their skills in engaging with other people throughout the world and emphasise actions that they can take as citizens of the world. Educators are accountable for developing appropriate learning environments that emphasise the interrelatedness and diversity of people and history, as well as recognising the people's common needs and desires around the world. Reader's Digest can serve as an effective instrument for widening students' perspectives, enriching their lives, and contributing to a more inclusive and harmonious society. It is more than just a magazine; it is an effective tool for global learning. Therefore, it is essential for students to use such tools to broaden their minds, thereby contributing to a more informed and empathetic global community.



Image 2: Some of the articles in the Reader's Digest Magazines