

## ***The World's Largest Humanitarian Network***

The American Red Cross extends its humanitarian mission around the world through its work as part of the global Red Cross network – the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and more than 186 national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.

This network is entrusted with powerful symbols. As determined in the Geneva Conventions, the red cross, red crescent or red crystal on a white background protects certain people and objects in war.



Education about international humanitarian law is critical to protecting lives and dignity in times of war. (A. Gutman/ICRC)

## ***Learn More***

Visit [www.redcross.org/ehl](http://www.redcross.org/ehl) to hear what others are saying about Exploring Humanitarian Law, see classroom videos, explore resources and download all of the materials for free. If you have questions, email [EHL@usa.redcross.org](mailto:EHL@usa.redcross.org).

## **Bring Complex Issues to Life in the Classroom**

We are exposed to war in the news media each day, but few of us understand the challenges on the ground or how we can make a difference for vulnerable people in conflict zones.

The Exploring Humanitarian Law (EHL) program offers high-quality materials to help educators connect real-world events to the classroom. The program offers flexible resources that fit into existing secondary school and university courses.

## **A Critical Subject for Today's Students**

Students are affected by conflicts around the world. They need the analytical skills to understand the rules governing war and their impact on human life and dignity.

The American Red Cross Exploring Humanitarian Law (EHL) curriculum is a flexible toolkit of resources that gives educators easy-to-use materials to help students understand how conflicts—at home and abroad—intersect with the rights and protections of those impacted.

With more than 30 hours of activities that educators can use as a whole or mixed and matched into their lessons and courses, EHL helps students connect current events and real-life questions to the classroom. Through high-quality primary source materials, including news accounts, photos and letters, students explore different perspectives on the rules of conflict while grappling with their effect on human life and dignity.

## **Aligned with Standards**

Aligned with the National Council for the Social Studies' ten thematic strands for secondary education, Exploring Humanitarian Law challenges students to investigate real situations and discuss some of the most important humanitarian questions facing us today. From the treatment of prisoners of war during the Revolutionary War to the establishment of international courts at Nuremburg to the use of child soldiers in conflicts around the world, Exploring Humanitarian Law is designed to fit seamlessly into a wide variety of courses, including social studies, history, law, literature, civics and gifted programs.

## **Professional Development**

Exploring Humanitarian Law professional development trainings offer educators the ability to learn how to best fit EHL resources into classes while earning Continuing Education Units at the same time.

The American Red Cross is an authorized provider of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) through the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). CEUs are available for half-day workshops as well as 1, 2 and 3-day trainings.

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