Illuminating HIV/AIDS with Words: An HIV/AIDS Acrostic

Content Area Note: If students are unable to identify resources in the community, share with them the Resources Guide in the appendices at the back of this curriculum guide. Provide students with information regarding the School Based Clinic and the Health Resource Room.

Directions

Ask students to mention ten words related to HIV/AIDS. Choose a big word, print it with spaces between letters, then use each letter of the word as an anchor for another HIV/AIDS word. Have students create these as possible worksheets for younger students. Have students define words that they find.

Example

The HIV/AIDS word is transmission.

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                P
P               R
R               E
O               V
T               E
E               N
C               T
T R A N S M I S S I O N
  E B   E   O       O
  S S   L   N
  P T   F
  O I   E
  N N   S
  S E   T
  I N   E
  B C   E
  I E   M
  L
  I
  T
  Y
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Teacher Note: This activity may be too difficult for some students. As an alternative, show students selected magazine pictures and ask them to give three words to describe how the pictures relate to HIV/AIDS.