

What is wrong with the world today?

Would you be willing to give up everything to go and help?



Mother Teresa/ St Teresa of Calcutta

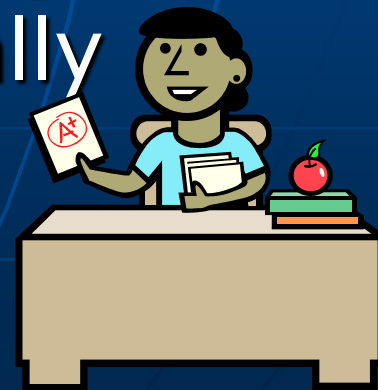
WALT: to know why Mother
Teresa is an important
Christian figure

Who is she?



- Mother Teresa was born in Skopje part of the modern-day country of Macedonia
- She was originally called Agnes Bojaxhiu
- By the age of 18 she was in Ireland where she joined a convent of the Sisters of our Lady Loretto
- She changed her name to Mother Teresa

- She trained as a teacher and became principal of a high school in Calcutta in India
- While she was there she was horrified by the sight of so many sick and dying people on the streets
- She knew that it was wrong and she was determined to do something about it although she didn't really know what at first



- Read Matthew 25:31-40
- In 1946 she was travelling to Darjeeling by train "when I heard the voice of God... I was sure i was God's voice. I was certain he was calling me"
- His message was clear and she decided to leave the convent and help the poor by living among them.

What do you think this must
have been like?

- The Missionaries of Charity was set up in 1848. No-one was turned away and the sisters vowed not to own possessions or have wealth of their own, but to give everything they had to the poor.
- Would you be willing to do this?
Would you want to?
- What sort of person is Mother Teresa?

- She was saddened that many people were so poor that they lived and died on the streets, so she opened the Poor Heart Home for Dying Destitutes
- She wanted poor people to be cared for when they needed it most
- Home for abandoned babies was founded in 1955
- 1957 a home was set up for Lepers

- She was determined to do all she could to ease the difficulties that poor people had to face and that meant she was not frightened of challenging the rich in India and elsewhere and she was eventually one of the few foreign people in India who could challenge the governing classes about wrong laws and policies.

- She received a Nobel Peace Prize in 1979
- How do you think she reacted?
- She said "Personally I am unworthy. I accept it in the name of the poor"
- She passed away in 1997. How old was she?
- She became a Saint in 2016 and is known as St. Teresa of Calcutta

What do you like to spend your money on?

- If you suddenly became rich over night what would you spend it on?
- Mother Teresa made a great deal of sacrifices.
- “We do not accept anything from our parents, friends or benefactors for our personal use. Whatever is given to us is handed over to the community

- Imagine you were asked to interview Mother Teresa.
- Think about what questions would you ask her and how she would reply.