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These pop culture text sets attempt to represent not just a topic, but an issue within that topic, and sides of that issue. The text sets present multiple perspectives on an issue—as well as multiple levels of texts and multiple modalities. Some articles may need to be adapted for lower level readers, and some website text you may choose to move into Word and reformat so it is easier to read and has fewer distractors/ads. Be sure to capture the whole URL, without spaces for line-breaks, when you seek these online resources. Thanks to all the teachers who shared resources. If you have a bibliography you'd like to share with social studies teachers, please email us at: [contact@readingandwritingproject.com](mailto:contact@readingandwritingproject.com).

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### ***Child Soldiers***

One of the earliest articles for teens to call attention to the plight and spread of child soldiers

*Upfront Magazine* (April 20, 2009) “Armed and Underage.”

[http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/upfront/features/index.asp?article=f042009\\_Armed](http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/upfront/features/index.asp?article=f042009_Armed)

The efforts of the youth movement Invisible Children, to alleviate the suffering of displaced and child soldiers, and the ‘night communing’ in Uganda – videos and digital text

<http://www.invisiblechildren.com>

especially: <http://www.invisiblechildren.com/videos/3765452> ‘I got soul but I’m not a soldier’

United Nation’s speaker Ishmael Beah’s memoir, *A Long Way Gone*, about being a child soldier in Sierra Leone, and his eventual escape to the United States

[http://www.alongwaygone.com/long\\_way\\_gone.html](http://www.alongwaygone.com/long_way_gone.html)

Ishmael Beah on CBS News with Katie Couric

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozsOLdgp\\_v0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozsOLdgp_v0)

Ishmael Beah interview

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K4yhPSQEzo>

Ismael Beah discusses his experiences as a child soldier in Sierra Leone. 28 June 2012.

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=nx37eVo23Zw>

United Nations statistics on child soldiers

<http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/briefing/soldiers/soldiers.pdf>

The UN Involvement on the issues of child soldiers.

[www.childsoldierscasestufy.blogspot.com](http://www.childsoldierscasestufy.blogspot.com)

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This article doubts Invisible Children "The Kony 2012 Scam And Why You Should STOP Supporting 'Invisible Children'." 8 March 2012.

<http://keepittrill.com/online/2012/03/kony-2012-scam-stop-supporting-invisible-children/>

Peace talks in Uganda offer some hope for child soldiers *Time:World* (August 2006)  
"Hope for Uganda's Childhood Soldiers?"

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1226297,00.html>