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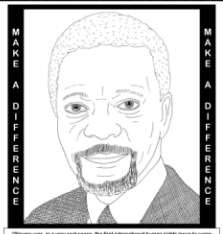

"Slavery was, in a very real sense, the first international human rights issue to come to the fore. It led to the adoption of the first human rights laws and to the creation of the first human rights non-governmental organization. And yet despite the efforts of the international community to combat this abhorrent practice, it is still widely prevalent in all its insidious forms, old and new."
– Kofi Annan

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"The more freedom we enjoy, the greater the responsibility we bear, toward others as well as ourselves."
– Oscar Arias

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"We could eradicate slavery. The laws are in place. The multi-nationals, the world trade organizations, the United Nations, they could end slavery, but they're not going to do it until and unless we demand it."
– Kevin Bales

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"On this International Day for the Abolition of Slavery let us reaffirm the inherent dignity of all men, women and children. And let us redouble our efforts to build societies in which slavery truly is a term for the history books."
UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

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"None who have always been free can understand the terrible fascinating power of the hope of freedom to those who are not free."
– Pearl S. Buck

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"...if you count the number of women and children in bonded labor, domestic slavery or sexual slavery today, there are more slaves in the world than at any other time in history."
– Charlotte Bunch

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"The well-being and the hopes of the peoples of the world can never be served until peace - as well as freedom, honor and self-respect - is secure."
– Ralph Bunche

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"Everyone has a right to peaceful coexistence, the basic personal freedoms, the alleviation of suffering, and the opportunity to lead a productive life..."
– Jimmy Carter

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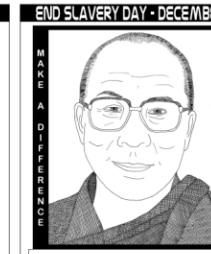

"Brute force, no matter how strongly applied, can never subdue the basic human desire for freedom."
– The Dalai Lama

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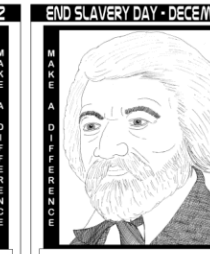

"I didn't know I was a slave until I found out I couldn't do the things I wanted."
– Frederick Douglass

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"There is in this world no such force as the force of a person determined to rise. The human soul cannot be permanently chained."
– W. E. B. DuBois

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"How many years can some people exist before they're allowed to be free..."
– Bob Dylan

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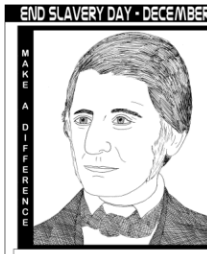

"For what avail the plough or sail, or land or life, if freedom fail?"
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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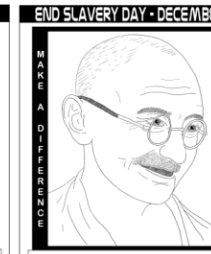

"There is no road to freedom, freedom is the road."
– Muhandas Gandhi

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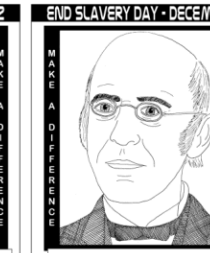

"Enslave the liberty of but one human being and the liberties of the world are put in peril."
– William Lloyd Garrison

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"Nobody's free until everybody's free."
– Fannie Lou Hamer

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"It doesn't take a genius to pump up the GNP by burning down rainforests, using slave labor and social repression to keep things in place."
– Hazel Henderson

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"It's easier to be ignorant and say I don't know about the problem. But once you know, once you've seen it in their eyes, then you have a responsibility to do something. There is strength in numbers, and if we all work together as a team, we can be unstoppable."
– Craig Kielburger, Founder, Free The Children

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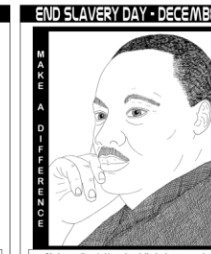

"As long as the mind is enslaved, the body can never be free. Psychological freedom, a firm sense of self-esteem, is the most powerful weapon against the long night of physical slavery."
– Martin Luther King, Jr.

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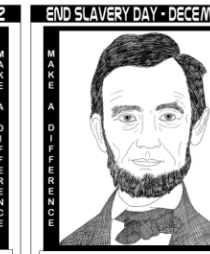

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."
– Abrahams Lincoln

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"Massive poverty and obscene inequality are such terrible scourges of our times – times in which the world boasts breathtaking advances in science, technology, industry and wealth accumulation – that they have to rank alongside slavery and apartheid as social evils."
– Nelson Mandela

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"Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery.
None but ourselves can free our minds.
Won't you help to sing the songs of freedom?"
– Bob Marley

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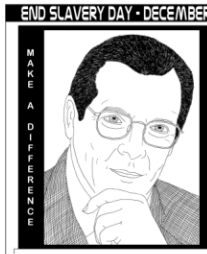

"The saddest sight these days is the image of hundreds of thousands of children kidnapped and lured into being child soldiers from the age of eight."
– Roger Moore

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"Compelled to become instruments of war, to kill and be killed, child soldiers are forced to give violent expression to the hatreds of adults."
– Olara Otunnu

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"Caged birds sing of freedom, free birds fly."
– Theroff Raffo

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"The prolonged slavery of women is the darkest page in human history."
– Elizabeth Cady Stanton

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"...it is impossible to make anything beautiful or desirable in the best regulated administration of slavery."
– Harriet Beecher Stowe

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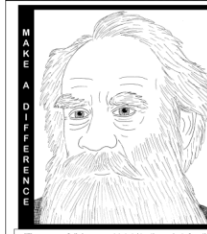

"The essence of all slavery consists in taking the product of another's labor by force. It is immaterial whether this force be founded upon ownership of the slave or ownership of the money that he must get to live."
– Leo Tolstoy

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"I freed a thousand slaves I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves."
– Harriet Tubman

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"...nothing on earth can stop man from feeling himself born for liberty. Never, whatever may happen, can he accept servitude; for he is a thinking creature."
– Simone Weil

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