



SERVICE LEARNING for HAITI

DISCOVERING HAITI



Supplies:

- **Girl Scout Daisies/Brownies:** Haiti Fact Sheet, coloring sheet for each girl, crayons/markers.
- **Girl Scout Juniors/Cadetters/Seniors/Ambassadors:** small ball that bounces and 5 *osse/ets*, jacks, or stones per group.

1. Overview of Discovering Haiti Activity

- Girls will learn about the country of Haiti, its people, and its culture.

2. Activity

• Instructions:

- Explain to the girls that they will be learning about Haiti
 - **Girl Scout Daisies/Brownies**
 - Pass out the coloring sheets to each girl.
 - Show the girls a picture of Haiti's flag.
 - Have the girls color the sheet, try to have them color the flag in the correct colors.
 - Share the information on the Haiti Fact Sheet.
 - Have the girls find the city of Port-au-Prince on their map of Haiti
 - Tell them that Port-au-Prince is the capitol of Haiti and that it is where the earthquake stuck.
 - **Girl Scout Juniors/Cadetters/Seniors/Ambassadors**
 - Have the girls take turns reading the facts about Haiti as a group.
 - Spend some time discussing the reflection questions.
 - Have the girls split up into groups and play "*Osse/ets*."
 - In pairs, let the girls introduce each other in Haitian Creole.

3. Reflection

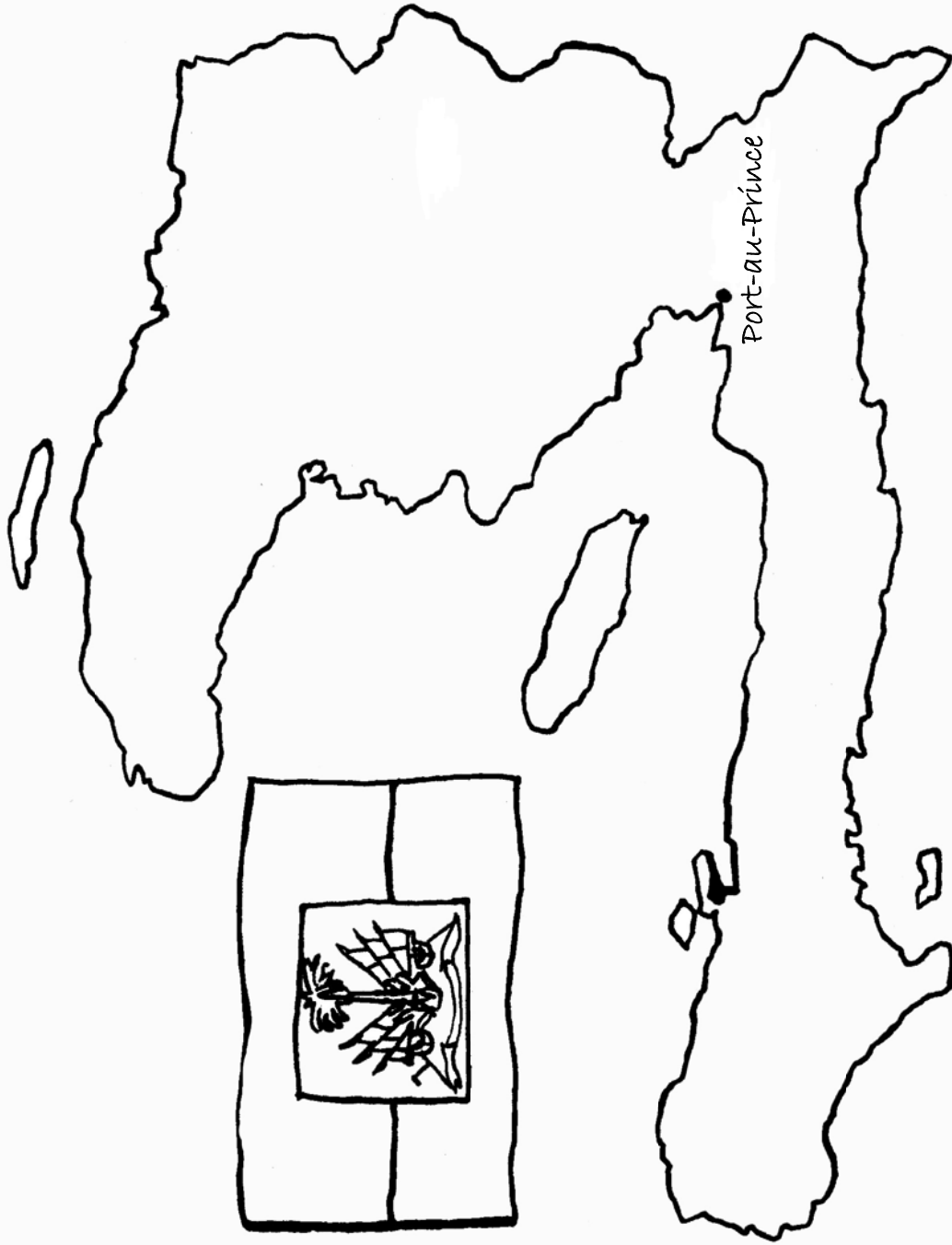
- How would your life be different if you didn't have electricity?
- How would you cook, see in the dark, or stay warm?
- How is deforestation effecting life in Haiti?
- How would you feel if your home were destroyed by an earthquake?
- What would you do if your family suddenly didn't have a home?
- How can Girl Scouts help the people of Haiti?



Haiti Fact Sheet



- Haiti became a country in 1804 after a successful slave rebellion gaining independence from France.
- The official languages are Haitian Creole (French, Spanish, and African languages mixed together) and French.
- Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere, most people live on \$2 or less a day.
- 98% of Haitians do not have electricity.
- The people rely on wood for fires to cook their food, light their homes, and stay warm.
- Because the people use so much wood, most of Haiti's trees have been cut down. This is called deforestation. It leads to soil erosion and massive flooding.
- On January 12, 2010, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti causing catastrophic damage.
- The earthquake impacted the lives of 3 million Haitians.



HAITI

Osselets

Number of players: at least 2

What you'll need: a small ball that will bounce, such as a golf ball
5 *osselets*, jacks, or stones.

What to do:

1. Pick up the ball and the *osselets*.
2. Toss the ball and the *osselets* into the air so they land on the ground. The ball must be caught after the first bounce.
3. Bounce the ball and pick up an *osselet*. The ball can only bounce once. If you drop the *osselet* or the ball, or if the ball bounces more than once, the turn passes to the next player.
4. Bounce the ball again. Now, keeping the first *osselet* in your hand, pick up a second *osselet* and catch the ball after the first bounce. Keep playing until you've picked up all five *osselets*. The first player to pick up all five *osselets* without any missed wins.

Some Haitian children play *osselets* with *osselets* only and no ball.

Here's how:

- Toss all five *osselets* on the ground. Pick one up and toss it into the air. While the first one is in the air, pick up a second and catch the first one on the way down. Keep going until all of the *osselets* are picked up.

Learn to greet someone in Haitian Creole.

Bonjou (bohn-JOOH)

Good morning

Bonswa (bohn-SWAH)

Good afternoon

Bonnwit (bohn-NWEET)

Good night

Ki jan ou rele? (key JOHN ooh ray-LAY)

What's your name?

Mwen rele _____ (mweh rey-LAY)

My name is _____

Souple (su-PLAY)

Please

Mési (messy)

Thank you