

How do you do it?

1. Simulate reality

Sometimes your simulated journey will involve presenting small dramatisations in the classroom where the reporters receive their assignments. This is an important part of stirring up commitment, interest and enthusiasm in the students. This is seldom demanding in terms of material resources. However, you do need imagination and an ability to put yourself in someone else's place.

With the help of a table and a homemade sign, you can quickly create a passport control desk, a travel agency, a bus station, a children's home or a hotel reception. One student can be a passport control clerk who places an entry stamp or mark in the passports. Other students can give directions and play the parts of everything from prize candidates and street children to police officers and bus drivers.

2. Connect the tasks with the destination country and the prize candidate

This guide offers a host of examples of assignments that give a 'way in' to the destination country, the prize laureate and the children. We hope you find the reporter assignments absorbing and useful, and that they also inspire you and your students to do things your way and perhaps come up with exercises that are better suited to your needs. Why not work with your students to create similar assignments, according to their age and levels of interest and knowledge?

3. Build on facts

Base your assignments on real conditions in the destination country. Search for facts in reference books and on the internet.

- An obvious source of ideas and inspiration is the prize magazine, which contains reportage on the prize candidates and the children whose rights they fight for, as well as information on the culture, history and geography of each of the countries.
- Do use travel guides in books, magazines or on the internet to find maps and current information about routes, accommodation and sights.
- Fictional novels, reportage books, news items, TV, radio and films can help enliven and 'flesh out' cold facts and dry statistics.

You can also find information in the 'country facts' section beside the map in the Teachers' Guide.