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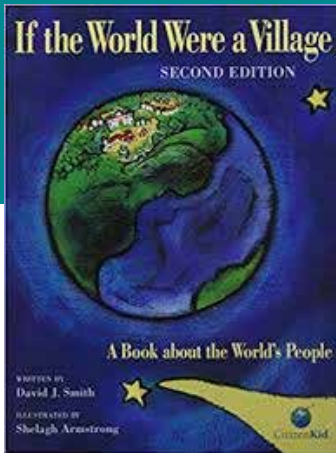
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This text provides statistics as to the characteristics of the population of the world represented as a village of one hundred people. The book notes important data concerning the population growth of the village, natural resources available to different groups of people, distribution of wealth and food, languages spoken, and so forth. A wonderful teaching tool, the statistics are thought-provoking, and the vibrant chalk illustrations help to make tangible what exactly this village might look like.

The picture book format of this book is misleading as very young children would not be able to comprehend the large numbers presented in the text. That being said, it is an excellent text to read to older children to simplify the concepts of world inequalities to a manageable and visualizable amount. The only downside of the text is that the illustrations, while beautiful, are still not perfect in backing the statistics listed in the page. A teacher would benefit from adding their own simulation or visualization of the statistics to make the numbers more concrete in a read-aloud. Overall, this is a beautiful text that fills a very important niche.

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Rating

Excellent

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Intermediate

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