

## **SEVEN WONDERS**

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the seven wonders of the world. (1)

There were some disagreements, but the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Angkor Wat
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet, so she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list?

The girl replied "Yes – I couldn't quite make up my mind because there are so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help."

The girl hesitated, then read "I think the seven wonders of the world are:

1. To see
2. To hear
3. To touch
4. To taste
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. To love.

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary, and which we take for granted, are truly wondrous. (2)

## The Story In Your Classroom    Learning Points

See the powerpoint on the CD-ROM for images for all 14 wonders.

It's a very simple idea and needs no great theatrics to share.

(1) ask the students to compile their own list. Consider localising it: *what are the seven wonders of Singapore?*

(2) After telling, ask your class to re-list the seven Singapore wonders – what makes our country special?

**When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted – or take them with gratitude**  
G K Chesterton

A gentle reminder: the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

One way I get students to open up to sharing is to do **a round**. This works best if the class is seated in a circle (hence the activity name!) - with you as part of the circle.

Go round the circle, and ask each pupil to complete a sentence such as:

- Somewhere I want to visit is (and why)
- The wonder that I love to see is
- The wonder that I love to hear ..

*It's important that you also take part and complete a sentence too.*

Accept people's responses – don't judge!



Angkor Wat