



**WORLD MONUMENTS FUND AND WORLD SAVVY
PARTNER TO LAUNCH CULTURAL-HERITAGE CURRICULUM**

Based on WMF programs and projects, curriculum was created for grades 6–12

For Immediate Release—June 6, 2012. . . . World Monuments Fund (WMF), the leading independent organization devoted to saving cultural-heritage sites across the world, and World Savvy, a global nonprofit that educates and engages youth in world and community affairs, today announced “Sustaining Cultural Heritage: Project-Based Learning Units on the Work of World Monuments Fund,” a new cultural heritage education series for middle- and high-school students. The interdisciplinary curriculum, being distributed to some 5,000 teachers in the United States, integrates WMF’s conservation initiatives and World Savvy’s existing youth engagement programming devoted to sustainable communities. Each unit is based on a WMF program or project. These comprise places included in the World Monuments Watch, an international advocacy campaign for heritage sites at risk, as well as conservation sites in the Forbidden City, in Beijing, China; New Gurna, in Luxor, Egypt; and Andahuaylillas, in Peru. Through these projects, students explore a range of subjects, including geography, history, mathematics, and science.

World Monuments Fund President Bonnie Burnham states, “This is a rigorous and engaging curriculum. We are confident that this series will help to inspire and shape the next generation of conservationists and cultural-heritage scholars.”

Carissa Johnson, Program Manager of World Savvy adds, “As societies around the world become more diverse and interdependent, a sustainable future depends on the capacity to transcend geographic boundaries and respect cultural differences. Highlighting specific examples of WMF’s work enables us to share substantive and successful examples of this with students and educators.”

WMF and World Savvy share a commitment to broaden awareness of cultural heritage across the globe, including its essential role in understanding history while offering a window to the future. The project-based learning units are available for download through World Savvy’s and World Monuments Fund’s websites.

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World Monuments Fund

World Monuments Fund is the leading independent organization devoted to saving the world's most treasured places. Since 1965, WMF has worked in more than 90 countries, advancing innovation in the field and ensuring that important architectural and cultural sites remain an integral part of society and of a sustainable environment. WMF and its partners around the world seek to inspire an enduring commitment to heritage stewardship by local communities, international travelers, and others benefiting from the legacy of these sites.

Headquartered in New York, WMF has offices and affiliates worldwide. www.wmf.org, twitter.com/worldmonuments, and facebook.com/worldmonuments.

World Savvy

With the mission to educate and engage youth in community and world affairs, World Savvy prepares the next generation of leaders to learn, work, and thrive as responsible global citizens. It was founded in 2002 by Dana Mortenson and Madiha Murshed in response to the critical yet unmet need for youth to acquire global knowledge and 21st century skills. World Savvy's work supports systemic change in K-12 education to provide every student in every classroom with the content knowledge, skills, and dispositions to be leaders and change-makers in their diverse communities, locally and globally. World Savvy has worked with over 250,000 youth and 2,000 educators, through core programming including youth engagement, professional development, customized consulting, and educational E-resources. <http://www.worldsavvy.org>.

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