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Lesson 1: Putting a Face on Poverty
Leader Handout 1A
Poverty Quiz- Answers

Directions: Answer the following questions by circling the correct response.

1. **TRUE** or FALSE: If all the poor in the United States lived in the same state, it would be the largest state in the nation – the state of “Poverty, USA.”
2. TRUE or **FALSE**: The number of people living in poverty in the United States decreased from 2009 to 2010.
3. TRUE or **FALSE**: Most Americans could get out of poverty if they only had a job.
4. **TRUE** or FALSE: One of every five children in America lives in poverty.
5. **TRUE** or FALSE: Adults who have regular work, but remain poor – the “working poor” in America – are growing even poorer.
6. TRUE or **FALSE**: The government says that a family of four is poor if it earns \$25,000 annually.
7. **TRUE** or FALSE: The federal minimum wage is now \$7.25 per hour.
8. **TRUE** or FALSE: In a 36 month period almost one out of every three Americans lives in poverty at least two months.
9. **TRUE** or FALSE: The majority of people living in poverty are white.
10. TRUE or **FALSE**: While the number of people in poverty is increasing, the number of people in extreme poverty is decreasing.
11. **TRUE** or FALSE: Children of single mothers are more likely to experience poverty than the children of married-couple families.
12. **TRUE** or FALSE: More than one quarter of people in households with annual incomes of less than \$25,000 had no health insurance in 2010.