



# Background to Education in Europe in Pestalozzi's Time

Advanced (Classes 11-12)

Intermediate (Classes 7-10)



## The Life of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi: Overview (Pestalozzi Approach)

The facilitator divides the participants into groups of seven and asks each group to use the Internet encyclopaedia, 'Wikipedia', to find out about and take brief notes on the following:

- The Renaissance
- The Reformation
- The Enlightenment
- Pietism
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- Philanthropy
- The French Revolution

Each group member chooses one of the above to find out about, using 'Wikipedia' or other web-based sources, and then reports his or her findings back to the other members of the group.

The facilitator gives a copy of the 'Background to Education in Europe in Pestalozzi's Time' and a dictionary to each group. Each group reads the passage, looking up any unfamiliar vocabulary in the dictionary.

The movements listed above, and the author Jean-Jacques Rousseau, created the necessary climate in Switzerland for Pestalozzi to be able to make the social and educational changes he is famous for.

### Materials Needed

- Access to the Internet
- **A copy of 'Background to Education in Europe in Pestalozzi's Time'** for each group of seven participants
- A dictionary for each group of seven participants

