

# Empathy

**Quotations** "There were some advantages to being a woman photographer. I think women have more empathy with the subject."

- Annie Leibovitz

"Humankind seems to have an enormous capacity for savagery, for brutality, for lack of empathy, for lack of compassion."

- Annie Lennox

## Questions

- How do you define empathy?
- Is having too much empathy a problem?
- What jobs might need to have empathy? Why or why not?
- Using the five closest people in your life, can you rank them in order of most empathic to least empathic?
- What is the evolutionary purpose to empathy? Speculate.
- Can animals empathise?
- Is it possible to physically feel the pain of others?
- Can empathy be taught/developed in people or does it simply come naturally?
- How well can you sense problems other people may be feeling?
- Can empathy make people become better leaders?

**Presentation** Create a presentation on the most caring and empathic people from your country. Try to include a biography and list their achievements.