

e Old Chestnut is a phrase used to describe an old joke or excuse, something that has been heard many times before. e origin of the saying dates back to 1816 when the play e Broken Sword by William Diamond was staged in Covent Garden, London. One of the play's characters, Captain Xavier, o en repeats the same joke about a cork tree, with light variations each time. At one point another character, Pablo, interrupts with the punchline and says 'It's a chestnut I have heard you tell the joke 27 times and it's a chestnut. 'At some point later American actor William Warren was playing the part of Pablo and while he was being entertained at a society dinner one evening, another guest began to recite an old, well-known joke. Warren interrupted and said with a ourish, 'It's an old chesnut, that's what it is,' much to the amusement of everybody there. at is how the expression passed into the English language.

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is year in h grade we are exploring a vast range of topics in social studies. Our h graders are currently working on the unit Global Citizenship, in which they explore the topic of poverty.

roughout this unit students were exposed to the question "Is Poverty Inevitable?" e learning process and exploration for this topic took many aspects, from research to discussions and debates. Such an approach enabled our h graders to form a better understanding of the concept. is learning approach has helped expand the students understanding of the topic, allowing them to write their own essays using their expertise on the matter.

Students grasp a deeper and better understanding of concepts when they try dierent ways to explain ideas, emboldening questions and curiosity. Such learning opportunities, which allow students to combine a variety of approaches, empower them to make the most of their own abilities and e orts.

We are very proud of their hard work, it has been an interesting experience to hear their ideas and opinions.

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