

It's a Small World After All

Research Essay

A Social Studies 11

Library Research Project



Overview

In the last 200 years population has accelerated from one billion to over six billion. We use billions of tons of fossil fuels every year. Vast tracts of tropical forests are lost forever. A recent medical study found that as many as 16,000 Canadians die every year because of pollution. A can of Coke is sold every six seconds; 75 million cokes are sold each day in North America. We consume at a mind-boggling rate. On the other hand, we now have technology that can change plastic bottles into fleece jackets or save premature babies. Everything we do has an impact on the world around us. The purpose of this assignment is to explore how some of these issues affect us and prepare well-researched, well-written short essays about them.

Suggested Topics

Acid rain	Tropical rainforests	BC salmon stocks
BC rainforest	Water supply	Wetlands
Organic farming	Biodiversity	Toxic/Hazardous waste
Famine	Greenhouse effect	Soil erosion
Chlorine/Dioxins	Garbage (refuse)	Gypsy Moth
Herbicides	Radioactive pollution	Causes of cancer
Nuclear waste	Noise pollution	Sewage disposal
Oil supply	Hydroelectric power	Land use
Pesticides	Conservation	Nuclear energy
Population	Sustainable development	Atlantic Cod
Recycling	Aquaculture	Ozone layer
Water pollution	Hormone effect on wildlife	Air pollution
Desertification		Your choice**

** If you wish to research another topic, check it out with your teacher and a teacher-librarian first.