Mock debate 1

Form a team of four classmates. Choose and research an issue from the Global Issues website (you will have to click on the “Issues” link). No two teams may work on the same issue.

Propose a resolution for debate, and then take sides, two students on each side. Prepare a mock debate to present in class. In your presentation, each side will have five minutes to present their position. Each side with then have three minutes for a rebuttal. The class will then engage in a discussion of the issue, and your team will be the “experts” who inform the discussion. Mr. Hemingway will moderate the discussion.

If there are not enough students to complete a 4-person team (that is, the class is not a multiple of 4), there may be one team of two or three persons to take one position, and Mr. Hemingway will take the opposing position.

Suggested resources

- Relevant articles selected from http://globalissues.org

- ELDIS, the source of the essay by Uphoff and Combs, is another excellent source of materials on many global issues, including articles on the practice of responding to global problems, not just on theories used to explain those problems.

- Refer again to the TED Talk by Hans Rosling. The different variables he used for the X and Y axes on his graphs may suggest other ideas about the impact of different factors on the issue you will research.

Deadlines for Section 11.3 only:

- **Tuesday 11 December** Notify Mr. Hemingway of the members of your team and the issue you will present.
- **Wednesday 12 December** Mr. Hemingway will schedule each team’s presentation.
- **Tuesday 18 December & Wednesday 19 December** Presentations during regular class periods.

Deadlines for Sections 11.1 and 11.2:

- **Thursday 13 December** Notify Mr. Hemingway of the members of your team and the issue you will present.
- **Friday 14 December** Mr. Hemingway will schedule each team’s presentation.
- **Thursday 20 December & Friday 21 December** Presentations during regular class periods.