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World Population DVD

Student Worksheet

DVD Comprehension

1. What is the sound you hear during the DVD? What does it symbolize?
2. During what years did you see the most drastic population growth?
3. What two areas on the map have the highest density of dots at the beginning of the film? Do those areas still have large populations today?
4. At the beginning of the film, the areas with fairly dense dots are mostly in places where the climate is good and the land is fertile. Often along river banks and near deltas, people have developed forms of agriculture. What is the link between agriculture and population growth?
5. There are no dots in the U.S. and Canada prior to 1150, but were there people? And if there were people, what might be the reason that no dots are shown on the map?
6. The bubonic plague killed approximately 75 million people. What areas were hit hardest by the plague and why? How might increased population density contribute to a virus's ability to spread?
7. Approximately what year did you begin to notice the most significant population growth? What historical events, scientific and/or technological advances, and social changes were happening at that time? How did these influence population?
8. At the end of the DVD, were there any areas that remained relatively unpopulated? Why might this be?
9. If current growth rates continue, our population would double to almost 14 billion in 58 years. However, the United Nations estimates that world population will plateau at 9 - 10 billion around the middle of the 21st century. What changes could occur between now and 2050 to reduce the rate of growth?
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