



MATURITA CARD | Global Problems and Modern Solutions

A COMPARE AND CONTRAST

- Look at the pictures on the other side of this card. What does each picture show? What trends, themes or ideas do they represent? What is happening in each picture?
- Compare and contrast them. In what ways are they similar? In what ways are they different?
- How do these pictures make you feel? Do they remind you of anything from your own life and experience?

B ALL ABOUT YOU

- Have you personally been affected by any distant events or global changes? Talk about some specific examples. What were the impacts on you / those around you?
- Have any global problems such as wars, climate change, pollution, AI, etc. changed the way you plan for the future? How?
- Do you feel more positive or more negative about the future of the world? Which issues worry you most? What gives you hope?
- What changes have you seen in how people try to solve global problems? What trends do you see?
- What actions have you taken or what changes have you made to try to be "part of the solution" to problems that are much bigger than you?

C SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

- Choose an international or global problem and suggest some steps that could be taken to resolve it. What ideas for solving it do you know about? What do you think should be done? Whose responsibility is it?
- Do you think changes in technology offer hope for new ways of dealing with global problems? Could they also have the opposite effect? Talk about at least one example of a positive effect and one example of a negative effect.
- What global problems should be priorities for action? Do you think people are doing enough? Are things heading in the right direction, in your opinion? Why or why not?
- How do you think your generation and earlier generations are similar and different in terms of the futures they face?
- What changes in society, lifestyles, etc. do you think will be necessary in the future?

D WHAT IS....?

Give a definition of each of these terms.

- inflation
- migration
- net zero
- carbon capture
- overpopulation
- tariffs
- nuclear proliferation
- trade war
- treaty
- compromise

E QUOTE, UNQUOTE

"Bad ideas flourish because they are in the interest of powerful groups."
Paul Krugman

"They make a desert and call it peace."
Tacitus

"Most of the things worth doing in the world had been declared impossible before they were done."
Louis Brandeis

"You can make a bomb out of anything. The ones on paper hurt the most."
Raj Patel

"We should never forget that everything Adolf Hitler did in Germany was 'legal' and everything the Hungarian freedom fighters did in Hungary was 'illegal'."
Martin Luther King Jr

"The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would be enough to solve most of the world's problems."
Mahatma Gandhi

"What is innovation if not our ticket to every business interest in the world? It's the ticket to solving the world's problems – the energy problems, the pollution problems, the global warming problems."
David Pogue

"All of the world's problems can be solved in the garden."
Geoff Lawton