



Youth Talk 2013 - 2014

Student Workbook

Name: _____

School: _____

Partner School: _____



Interactive Videoconference Scheduling

Youth Talk has four interactive videoconferences (one for each unit) and four back-up videoconferences (one for each unit). Use this space to record the dates/times of your interactive videoconferences!

SAMPLE!	
Day	Wednesday
Date	October 18, 2013
Tech Dial-in Time	7:30 AM EST
Conference Start Time	8:00 AM EST
IVC #1 Backup Day, Date, Time	October 25, 2013 / Dial in 7:30 AM EST / Start Time 8:00 AM EST

INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCE #1: UNDERSTANDING OUR WORLDVIEWS	
Day	
Date	
Tech Dial-in Time	____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)
Conference Start Time	____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)
IVC #1 Backup Day, Date, Time	(Day, Date, Time)

INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCE #2: BUILDING MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES	
Day	
Date	
Tech Dial-in Time	____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)
Conference Start Time	____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)
IVC #2 Backup Day, Date, Time	(Day, Date, Time)

INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCE #3: INVESTIGATING CURRENT GLOBAL ISSUES	
Day	
Date	
Tech Dial-in Time	____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)
Conference Start Time	____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)
IVC #3 Backup Day, Date, Time	(Day, Date, Time)

INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCE #4: ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES	
Day	
Date	
Tech Dial-in Time	____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)
Conference Start Time	____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)
IVC #4 Backup Day, Date, Time	(Day, Date, Time)

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Youth Talk

Program Overview

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Welcome to Youth Talk – Challenge Letter

WHO ARE GLOBAL NOMADS?

Global Nomads fundamentally believe that all people, in all countries, from all cultures, are good. It's the misconceptions we're all raised with, taught or learned, that blind us to be otherwise. **Global Nomads** seek out these misconceptions and discuss them openly, honestly, and more importantly, face-to-face. **Global Nomads** are citizens of the world.

Calling All Youth:

Since 1998, Global Nomads Group has been connecting young people like you with their peers worldwide. **Global Nomads** – young people who embrace cross-cultural dialogue and celebrate both similarity and difference – are positively influencing their communities in over 50 countries, across all seven continents. Today, we ask you to join them as part of the Youth Talk program.

As a **Global Nomad** in Youth Talk, we challenge you to bring global voices into your local conversations. By connecting and collaborating with peers in United States and the Middle East and North Africa, we challenge you to answer: **“How do we, as youth, use cross-cultural dialogue to positively engage our communities?”**

As a **Global Nomad**, you will:

- **Collaborate** with your peers to identify an issue that you want to **change** in your community.
- Use arts and media to **create** a real-world solution to this issue.
- **Share** the project locally and globally.

By taking action, you can become a Global Nomad, a citizen of the world.

Are you ready for the challenge? Through discussion with your peers, you will identify an issue that impacts you, as a young person, in your local or global community and that you want to positively influence. Together with your peers, you will investigate, analyze, and learn more about this issue in order to develop a project that implements a real-world solution in your local or global community.

Throughout the program, you'll use the following project documents to guide your progress:

- **Four Milestones**, or steps, will help you plan and implement your project. Curriculum activities and a **Project Guide** will lead you through completion of each milestone.
- The **Criteria Wheel** will guide you in making sure your project includes all of the elements of a successful and collaborative effort with your peers!
- In the **Format Options** guide, we've outlined **Project Types** across three themes: **Awareness, Advocacy, and Action**. Determine what you and your peers would like to accomplish through this project, and then brainstorm which format option will help you achieve this goal best.
- To streamline collaboration, review the **Team Roles** and make sure that everyone in your group has at least one role and responsibility for the project.

Be daring and creative, and don't be afraid to take risks. This is your opportunity to make a difference in the world in which you live. This is your opportunity to become a **Global Nomad**.

- The **Global Nomads Group** Team

Program Introduction

Youth Talk is a yearlong virtual youth exchange program that connects students in the Middle East and North Africa with their peers in the United States. In this program, we will be asking ourselves “How do we, as youth, use cross-cultural dialogue to positively engage our communities?” You and your classmates will be paired with another group of students internationally in order to answer this question.

In this program you will engage in a number of classroom workshops and activities that will prepare you to connect with partners through an online platform and in interactive videoconferences. Before each videoconference you will do an activity that will then be the basis for discussion in the videoconference. During videoconferences you’ll also discuss other topics such as current events, pop culture and sharing a “60-Second Showcase” of a talent or hobby. Last, but not least, you will be taking on the “Global Nomad” challenge! You and your partner group will create a collaborative project that addresses a topic of your choosing, and which demonstrates how active global citizens can promote change in their communities – locally, nationally and globally!

Unit Overview

Each curriculum unit is divided into three steps. Here’s an overview of each step of the LEARN – ACT – REFLECT model.

“SW” refers to pages of the Student Workbook where you can find worksheets and other resources.

Unit Overview	
LEARN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dive into the topic and gain background information and skills.• Apply skills and knowledge through a short activity to share with program peers in an IVC.
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use knowledge and skills gained in step 1 to engage in an action-oriented collaborative project. This project will be showcased in an IVC with your peers.• Prepare for the IVC with an agenda.
REFLECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debrief and reflect on IVC dialogue.• Continue conversations through the online platform.

Scope and Sequence

	MODULE 1: CULTURAL EXCHANGE	MODULE 2: MEDIA & SOCIETY		MODULE 3: GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
Driving Question	“How do we, as youth, use cross-cultural dialogue to positively engage our communities?”			
Guiding Question	<i>How does cross-cultural dialogue enhance our global awareness?</i>	<i>How do our news sources and information resources shape our perceptions about people and places worldwide?</i>		<i>How can we be active global citizens?</i>
Enduring Understanding	Dialogue enables mutual understanding and collaboration within our global community.	Critical consumption of media shapes well-informed perspectives.		Global citizens harness cross-cultural understanding and well-informed perspectives to positively engage communities.
Module Units	Unit 1 Understanding our Worldviews	Unit 2 Building Multiple Perspectives	Unit 3 Investigating Current Global Issues	Unit 4 Engaging our Communities
Timeframe	Fall 2013	Fall 2013	Spring 2014	Spring 2014
LEARN	Windows Exercise KHW Chart	Exploring Media Perspectives Global Timelines and Me	Conflict Tree	Activism Case Studies
ACT	Community Lens	Milestone 1: Project Launch	Milestone 2: Outline & Content Milestone 3: Rough Draft	Milestone 4: Final Product
	IVC #1	IVC #2	IVC #3	IVC #4
REFLECT	Reflect & Connect	Reflect & Connect	Reflect & Connect	Reflect & Connect

Collaborative Project Overview Overview and Supporting Documents

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Criteria Wheel	p. 11
Project Format Options	p. 12
Project Team Roles	p. 13
Project Guide	p. 14 – 15
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Collaborative Project Introduction

What is a GNG collaborative project?

The **Challenge Letter** (SW p. 5), which appeared at the beginning of your Student Workbook, is calling on you to become a GLOBAL NOMAD through completion of a project with peers, addressing an issue relevant and meaningful to your local and global community.

The GNG collaborative project is a project based learning activity that help you take on this challenge. You will work together with your peers to develop solutions to real-world problems. With your partner school, you will collaborate to define a challenge in your local or global community and develop a project that addresses this issue by promoting positive change and community engagement.

Collaboration is defined as two or more people working together towards a common goal. Collaboration on projects (with peers in class and/or virtually, locally and/or globally) should take place in **at least** one of the following ways:

- Share feedback and reflections on projects
- Share resources for projects
- Co-construct one project with peers

Why am I doing this project?

The purpose of the collaborative project is to become a GLOBAL NOMAD, a citizen of the world, through using cross-cultural dialogue, media and technology to learn more about issues or needs in your local and global community, and to problem-solve to address these issues. The goal of this project is answer Youth Talk's driving question, and to engage local and global communities by sharing your knowledge and projects with wider audiences.

A **driving question (DQ)** provides the purpose for the project and guides its creation. **The Collaborative Project should answer the DQ.**

How will my peers and I complete this project?

The documents below¹ will support you and your peers in design, planning, and completion of the collaborative project and should be referred to throughout the project.

Criteria Wheel	p. 11
Project Format Options	p. 12
Project Team Roles	p. 13
Project Guide	p. 14 – 15
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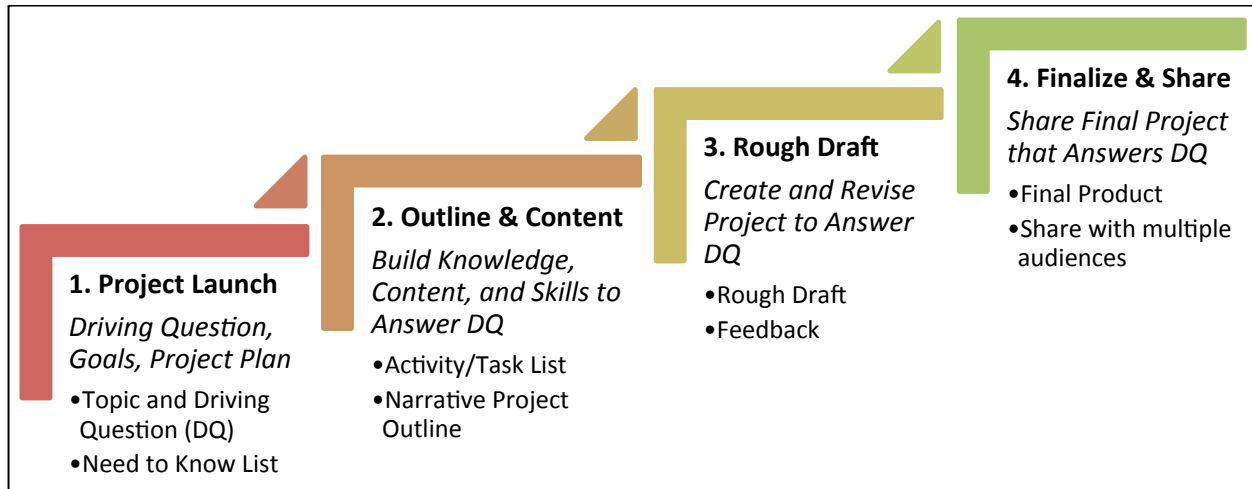


The **Online Platform** will serve as the space for project communication, including sharing of feedback, ideas, and resources, between you and your partner school. As each milestone is completed, post work to the corresponding section of the online platform for feedback from peers. Once projects are complete, share these with peers on the online platform.

¹ The framing and supporting documents presented in this Collaborative Project Module were based on or adapted from resources of the 2013 Buck Institute of Education, *PBL 101 Workbook*

Youth Talk Collaborative Project Overview

Four Milestones, or accomplishments, outline the step-by-step process for project completion. An overview of each milestone appears in the chart below and in each curricula unit. As you complete each milestone, return to the **Project Guide** (SW p. 14-15) to fill in or update information. A key component of each milestone is giving and receiving feedback from your peers. Be sure to do this before advancing to the next milestone!



The **Feedback Guide** (SW p. 16) will guide you in giving and receiving feedback from your peers. **Revision** should take place every time you receive feedback, adjusting and updating the project guide and project activities as needed.

Revision is when one changes or alters something in light of new ideas, suggestions, or evidence. In the collaborative project, you should revise the Project Guide and Activities **every time peer feedback is received.**

What are the criteria and guidelines for the project?

The collaborative project **Criteria Wheel** (SW p. 11) outlines six elements of a strong and successful project that can promote deep community impact. Project completion depends equally on all criteria elements, which work best in tandem to achieve your objectives and the goals of Youth Talk.

Criteria Wheel

The Criteria Wheel outlines six elements of a strong and successful project.



Mobilize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project answers the program’s driving question. • Project positively engages youth and communities, within and beyond GNG programs and community, in an active way.
Investigate & Analyze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic is relevant to your local and/or global community. • Inquiry deepens your understandings of people, places, and relevant issues worldwide.
Communicate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication among peers involved in the project occurs throughout the project and in a timely fashion.
Collaborate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with peers (in class, nationally, or internationally) takes place in at least one of the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share feedback and reflection on projects • Share resources for one another’s projects • Co-construct one project with peers.
Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project creation and implementation is visually documented for sharing with a wider audience. This could include picture, video, or written text (online or print).
Share	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is shared with other GNG program peers. • Project is shared with at least one additional group outside of GNG that is actively impacted by or involved in the project topic.

Project Format Options

The Project Format Options outline types of projects across three themes: **Awareness, Advocacy, and Action**. Determine what you and your peers would like to accomplish through this project, and then brainstorm which format option will help you achieve this goal best.

	AWARENESS	ADVOCACY	ACTION
Goal <i>What do you want to accomplish?</i>	Awareness projects inform others about an issue. They expand a community's understanding of a problem, empowering people through knowledge.	Advocacy projects speak out or argue for a specific cause or policy that would address an issue. Advocates target decision-makers in a community who can help change the status quo.	Action projects develop and implement real-world solutions to community problems. They involve direct activities that support or counter a cause.
Sample Driving Questions	What impact does water scarcity have on our future?	How do we, as advocates, change city policies that would reduce water use?	How do we, as citizens, reduce our individual and school water usage?
Project Type	Public Service Announcement (PSA): <i>Widely-shared message that raises awareness or changes public attitude</i> Media Output: Visual arts, performing arts	Campaign: <i>A set of activities that promotes a specific cause, law, or change of behavior, often through media or politics</i> Media Output: Visual arts, performing arts, writing, event	
	Documentary*: <i>Media or art that objectively presents the stories of real-life people or events, often to raise awareness of a specific issue or move people to take action.</i> Media Output: Visual arts, performing arts, writing *Don't forget! Documentaries are not limited to film. They can be radio podcasts, photo/art exhibits, interactive theatre, investigative journalism, and more!	Event: <i>In-person activity that produces a particular product or outcome (voter registration, fundraising)</i> Media Output: Event-based	
	Student Choice: <i>Design and implement your own type of project! Make sure it fits the criteria on pg. ##.</i> Media Output: All!		
Media Output	Visual Arts – Photography, drawing, painting, design, crafts, mural, film, posters Performing Arts – Radio, theatre, film, music, spoken word, dance Writing – Fiction/non-fiction blog, newsletter, journalism, letter-writing, creative writing, social media Events – Debate, fundraiser, exhibition, rally, registration drive		

Project Team Roles

Team Roles will organize everyone's responsibilities around the project. Be sure every group member has at least one role!

Project Start

Project Completion and Sharing

Group Leader: You make sure all group members stay on task and meet deadlines! You are also responsible for communicating with your partner group and/or GNG and SOLA staff, as needed. As the group leader, you should keep your peers focused and on schedule, making sure your project stays on topic, is action-oriented, and involves positive collaboration, feedback, and reflection with your partner group.

Research Committee: As part of this team, you conduct or lead background research on the chosen topic, which includes finding similar projects for inspiration and comparison. You should share what you learn with the Content Creation Committee to make sure the project is accurate, relevant to your chosen topic, and has the information necessary to make it successful.

Example: In a project to reduce your community's trash output, the research committee might research how much trash the community currently produces, where the trash goes, what current recycling options exist in the area, etc.

Logistics Committee: As part of this team, you make sure that the group has all necessary supplies and materials needed for project and your community event. You will also coordinate any travel needs, event planning and/or any venue reservations required.

Examples: Reserve venue for film screening/exhibition/community event; hire bus or translation services; recruit volunteer to assist with film editing, etc.

Content Creation Committee: As part of this team, you coordinate the creation of content of the project. This doesn't mean you have to create all of the content yourselves; similar to the Research Committee, other group members may be assigned roles in the creation process.

Examples: Storyboard, draft, and collect materials for project, which could be film, photos, posters, letter writing templates, mural, etc.

Documentation Committee: As part of this team, you visually document the project – in its creation and/or completion. You will make sure it can be easily shared with online and in person audiences

Examples: short film, time-lapse photography, etc.

Outreach Committee: As part of this team, you raise awareness about your project: engage in PR, social media, and or press media campaigns. You should also plan a community event, in coordination with the Logistics Committee.

Project Guide

As a **living document**, the **Project Guide** will lead the development of your project. Upon completion of each **milestone**, refer to this guide and fill in – **or revise** – the relevant information.

A. Project Overview

Refer to Project Format Options (SW p. 12) for additional guidance.

Topic: _____

Title: _____

Goal: Awareness Advocacy Action

Driving Question (DQ): _____

Objective: Based on your DQ and goal, what do you hope to achieve with your project?

Project Type: Campaign Documentary Event Public Service Announcement

Media Output: Visual Arts Performing Arts Writing Event-Based

Specific output (for example: radio piece, blog, photo story): _____

Calendar: If you are engaging in Interactive Videoconferences (IVCs), milestones should be completed and shared online one week before the related IVC, so you and your peers have time to give and receive feedback. You may have more than one milestone per IVC.

Milestone	IVC Number and Date <i>Ex: IVC 3, April 2</i>	Milestone Due Date <i>1 week before IVC (Ex: March 25)</i>
1 – Project Launch		
2 – Outline & Content		
3 – Rough Draft		
4 – Finalize & Share		

B. Target Audience

Who is the target audience? (ex: peers, teachers, community, family, country)

Why is this an important target audience?

How will we share our project with our audience? (ex: In local events? Online?)

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C. Team Roles

Refer to Project Team Roles (SW p. 13) for additional guidance

Student Roles: *Record your group’s roles here.*

Group Leader: _____

Research Committee: _____

Logistics Committee: _____

Content Committee: _____

Documentation Committee: _____

Outreach Committee: _____

Partner School Role (if applicable): *What do you need from your partner school?*

D. Activity and Materials Chart

Record the step-by-step process for completing your project in the chart below, taking into account all student roles. Specify the materials you need, deadline for each step (keep the milestone deadlines in mind!), and committee responsible for each activity.

Activity (Step)	Materials/Resources Needed	Deadline	School Responsible	Committee Responsible
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				

Feedback Guide²

Use the categories below to provide feedback on your group or partner’s project or milestone. Remember to give constructive feedback that is respectful and includes specific ideas for growth, instead of general praise or criticism.

I hear/see...

What do you observe? How does the project make you feel or think? Does it motivate you to action?

I want more of...

What do you want to see expanded or enhanced? What worked well and compelled you to think or act a certain way?

I wonder...

What questions do you still have? What could strengthen the project? How could it more specifically answer the Driving Question?

² Adapted from: Buck Institute of Education. *PBL 101 Workbook*. California: Unicorn Printing Specialists, 2013.

Program Curriculum

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Cultural Exchange Module

In this first module, you will be introduced to the Youth Talk program and will begin the process of cultural exchange with your peers. You will reflect on your current global knowledge and perspectives and prepare for your first videoconference connections with your partner school!

Unit 1: Understanding our Worldviews		
	Activity	Page (SW)
LEARN	Windows Exercise	p. 19
	KHW Chart	p. 20
ACT	Community Lens	p. 21
	Interactive Videoconference (IVC) #1	p. 22-23
REFLECT	Reflect & Connect	p. 24

Unit 1: Understanding Our Worldviews

LEARN

Windows Exercise³

OVERVIEW
Follow the instructions of your teacher on an exploration of your global community.

Use this space to record your notes:

³ Adapted from: *Windows: Channels for Communication*, <http://www.win-peace.org/>.

Know/How/Wish (KHW) Chart

OVERVIEW

In this exercise, you will complete a KHW chart with what you already know, how you know it, and what you wish to learn about your partner country. Through this, you will identify prior knowledge and outline what you hope to gain from program participation.

Know, How, Wish Chart			
	What do I <u>KNOW</u> about my partner country? What have I heard about my partner country?	<u>HOW</u> do I know this? Where did this information come from?	What do I <u>WISH</u> to learn more about in this area?
Geography Have students locate their partner country on a map. What countries border your partner?			
People and Culture			
Religion			
History			
Government and Economy			
Education			
Human Rights			
Environment			
Other: _____			

ACT

Community Lens

OVERVIEW

Introduce yourself and your school/community/cultures to your peers through the creation of a short video or picture slideshow. The video/picture slideshow will be showcased during the IVC and will serve as a starting point for you to discuss your cultures, countries, and interest with your peers.

Use this space to record your notes:

Optional: EXPAND YOUR UNDERSTANDING
Interview Your Community
Interview peers, family, and community members to find out what they know about your partner country.

- What ideas do your interviewees hold about your partner country?
- How do these ideas or stereotypes form? How are they spread?
- Through participation in this program, what role will you play in informing the perspectives of others?

Share: Once complete, upload the video or picture slideshow to the online platform.
View: View your partner school’s video or picture slideshow, offer comments online, and compose 2-3 questions or comments to share during the IVC.

Interactive Videoconference (IVC) #1 Preparation and Outline

OVERVIEW

The outline below will be used as a guide for discussion during the first IVC. Review and complete prior to IVC #1.

INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCE #1: UNDERSTANDING OUR WORLDVIEWS

Day

Date

Tech Dial-in Time _____:_____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)

Conference Start Time _____:_____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)

IVC #1 Backup Day, Date, Time (Day, Date, Time)

IVC Outline

I. Introduction to Youth Talk (5 minutes)

GNG facilitator welcomes all participating students to the Youth Talk program and poses program’s driving question to students. One representative from each school introduces him/herself and their classmates to their partner school.

- Name of Class Representative:
- Number of students participating in IVC #1:
- Interesting background about your school or community (something that isn't shared in your Community Lens, but will be useful for your partners to know about where you live/study):

II. LEARN: Understanding our Worldviews (20 minutes)

After reflecting on how our individual perspectives shape our worldviews and brainstorming what you know/want to know about your partners, record two comments on how the Windows activity impacts the way you think about people and places worldwide. Then, record three questions for your peers that you would like to learn more about from a first-hand source.

Two Comments:

-
-

Three Questions:

-
-
-

Cultural Exchange Module
Unit 1: Understanding Our Worldviews

III. ACT: Presentation of Community Lens (20 minutes)

Each group introduces their school, community and cultures to their peers through the presentation of the Community Lens video/picture slideshow. View the Community Lens of your peers on the online platform and record three questions to ask during the IVC.

Introduction of Community Lens

➤ Name of Class Representative:

Three Questions:

-
-
-

IV. 60-Second Showcase! (10 minutes)

In each IVC, students will have the opportunity to share more about their personality through showcasing personal talents or interests for their peers. Students are encouraged to participate *only once*, until all classmates have shared with their peers. As part of 60-Second Showcase, students will have the opportunity to ask questions or comment on their peers' presentations.

60-Second Showcase can include: playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reciting poetry, exhibiting art (paint, sculpture, etc.); showing any equipment, pictures or medals associated with a sports hobby; sharing any dress or dance associated with a custom or holiday; or explaining a family heirloom or other artifact of significance; on something else!

Encourage students to keep their presentations visual (or require little technical explanation), especially for IVCs using consecutive translation. Presentation of the talent should not exceed 60 seconds.

Select three student representatives to share a personal interest or talent for their peers in this IVC.

- Name of Representative:
- Name of Representative:
- Name of Representative:

V. Conclusion (5 minutes)

GNG facilitator thanks all students and teachers for participating and reminds participants to contribute to the online platform and prepare Unit 2 activities for the upcoming IVC.

REFLECT

IVC #1 Debriefing Conversation

OVERVIEW

After each IVC, talk with your classmates and your teacher about your experience.

Use this space to record your reflections:

CONNECT on the Online Platform:

Visit GNG's Google+ Youth Talk Community to answer today's poll question(s), posted by GNG:
<https://plus.google.com/u/0/b/109565674376618689920/communities/106878871709054397183>

i. What was your favorite part about your first IVC?

- a. Sharing my Community Lens
- b. Viewing the Community Lens of my partner school
- c. Learning something new about my partner school peers
- d. Show and Tell

CONNECT on the Online Platform to share your reflections with your peers and to prepare for the next IVC!

Media and Society Module

In this second module, you will consider the role media plays in influencing individual and community perceptions about people, places, and events worldwide.

The **Collaborative Project** exercises will begin in Unit 2 to help you start identifying relevant areas of interest to explore further through cross-cultural dialogue. Collaborative project design continues in Unit 3 with planning, outlining and developing of a rough draft. Throughout the project design phase, you are expected to seek and incorporate feedback on your project plan, outline, and draft.

Milestone's One, Two, and Three, should be completed by the conclusion of this module.

Unit 2: Building Multiple Perspectives		
	Activity	Page (SW)
LEARN	Media Bias Exercise	p. 26
	Global Events and Me Timeline	p. 28
ACT	Milestone 1: Project Launch	p. 30
	Interactive Videoconference (IVC) #2	p. 35-36
REFLECT	Reflect & Connect	p. 37

Unit 3: Investigating Current Global Issues		
	Activity	Page (SW)
LEARN	Conflict Tree Exercise	p. 38
ACT	Milestone 2: Outline & Content	p. 41
	Milestone 3: Rough Draft	p. 45
	Interactive Videoconference (IVC) #3	p. 48-49
REFLECT	Reflect & Connect	p. 50

Unit 2: Building Multiple Perspectives

LEARN

Exploring Media Perspectives

OVERVIEW

In this exercise you will analyze images from various media stories and write original picture captions to showcase different interpretations and points of view of a single image.

Use this space to record your notes:

Optional: Choose your own images

- In class or at home, explore newspapers, magazines, the Internet, or other media to select two images of your own.
- In small groups, swap images (without captions), then analyze the photos and develop your own captions.
- As a group, discuss the caption writing process, similarities and differences, and how background knowledge impacts your views.

“Captions in the Media” Worksheet

Part 1: In your group, analyze the images below and discuss following questions:

- What is shown in each picture? What “story” does each picture tell?
- How do you think each picture was used in media (i.e. to provide information, to advocate for a cause, to accompany a written article, as part of a photo story)?
- What is not shown in the picture that might be important in understanding the story?



Image 1 – Photographer: Akio Kon/Bloomberg



Image 2 – Photographer: Christopher Serju

Part 2: After analyzing, write TWO different captions (a 1-2 sentence description that explains the context of a particular image or media piece) for each image. These captions should be able to accompany the image if it were to be printed in a newspaper, magazine, or posted online. Be creative and try to think about how the image could be used in different ways.

Global Timelines and Me

OVERVIEW

Identify significant events in your life and consider how these different events correspond and affect yourself and your peers at the personal, local, national and international level.

Use this space to record your notes:

Optional: EXPAND YOUR UNDERSTANDING
Local and Global Events in the Media
For each local or global event on your timeline, utilize research skills (use of the Internet and/or other resources) to locate 2 media sources showing different perspectives on this event. Why do you think these media sources present different perspectives when reporting on the same local or global events?

Share: Once complete, upload the timeline to the online platform.
View: View your partner school’s timeline, offer comments online, and compose 2-3 questions or comments to share during the IVC.

“Timeline” Worksheet

Use this timeline template, or get creative and make your own, to map out personal and global events in your life. Make sure to include one sentence of context for each event, so your peers can understand why these are significant events in your life.

The image shows a timeline worksheet template. It consists of a large rectangular frame containing a central horizontal arrow pointing to the right. Above and below this arrow are two rows of vertical lines, each representing a point in time. The top row has five vertical lines, and the bottom row has six vertical lines. On the left side of each row, there is a rectangular box intended for writing a sentence of context for the event corresponding to the first vertical line. The boxes are empty.

ACT

Milestone 1

Project Launch: Topic of Interest, Driving Question, and Need to Know List

OVERVIEW

In this first milestone, you will determine your group's project topic and goals, develop a driving question, and create a "need to know" list to get your project started. Reflect on your first IVC, as well as the local, national and international events you highlighted in your Global Timeline, to draw inspiration for the issue you would like your project to address.

In order to complete Milestone 1, you must return to the [Project Guide \(SW pgs. 14-15 & 34\)](#) and complete [Part A: Project Overview](#) and [Part B: Target Audience](#).

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Introduce the Project:** Read the Challenge Letter (SW p. 5).
- 2. Topic Selection Activity:** *What issues in your local or global community do you want to positively influence with your project? Why are these important to you?*

Free Write/Draw on the Question above. Use the following to guide your free write/draw:

- IVC #1 Reflections and online platform exchanges
- Local, national and international events highlighted in the Global Timeline
- Thematic Resources (See below, and Appendix A)
 - History, Culture and Belief Systems
 - Environment and Natural Resources
 - Global Health
 - Women's Rights / Human Rights
 - Government and Foreign Policy

Identify Trends and Propose a Topic: Decide or vote on 1-2 topic(s) that you would like to explore further through the collaborative project.

Topic(s): _____

Why are these topics important to us? How do they connect to our lives and communities?

In the next IVC with your partner school, you will have the opportunity to discuss your topic(s) and receive feedback. You may decide to pursue the same topic together with your peers, or investigate different topics, with each other's support.

3. Identifying the Goal, Project Type and Media Output for the proposed project.

Using the **Project Format Options** guide (SW p. 12) brainstorm the following:

a. What **goal** do you want to accomplish with your project? (Check one box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Action
Awareness projects inform others about an issue. They expand a community's understanding of a problem, empowering people through knowledge.	Advocacy projects speak out or argue for a specific cause or policy that would address an issue. Advocates target decision-makers in a community who can help change the status quo.	Action projects develop and implement real-world solutions to community problems. They involve direct activities that support or counter a cause.

b. What **project type** and **media output** do you think will help you achieve this project goal best?

Project Type: Campaign Documentary Event Public Service Announcement

Media Output: Visual Arts Performing Arts Writing Event-Based
 Specific output (for example: radio piece, blog, photo story): _____

4. Crafting a **Driving Question (DQ)** for the proposed project.

What is a Driving Question (DQ)? A **driving question** provides the purpose for the project and guides its creation. **The Collaborative Project should answer the DQ.**

Characteristics of a Good DQ

- Provocative and challenging: It’s about an important or urgent issue that must be addressed.
- Open-ended and not easily answered: It requires inquiry, research, and creativity.
- Relevant to your lives and community: It should inspire you to take action!

Format of a DQ: *The four-part structure will help students write a great driving question!*

DQ Part	1. Question word that frames the issue...	2. Person/entity that is the focus...	3. Action/challenge that the entity accomplishes...	4. Audience* for the action or challenge?
Ideas	How do/can, What, Should, Could	we as [youth, class, citizens], town, country, school	build..., create..., design..., solve..., make...	real world problem, for a group, for a public audience
Example	How do	we, as citizens,	reduce water usage	in our school?
<i>How do we, as citizens, reduce water usage in our school?</i>				
Practice				

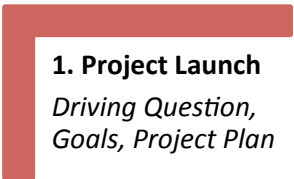
**The audience should be real people who you can reach, and who would benefit from the project.*

Based on the guidelines above, write your Driving Question as a class: _____

5. **Need to Know List:** Now that you have a driving question, use the “Need to Know” worksheet to decide what knowledge and skills you already have, and what you need to know to complete this project (SW p. 33).

Revisit and revise this list throughout the project, checking off the list as you answer “need to know” items during research.

6. **Project Guide:** Using the information recorded in Milestone 1 above, return to the Project Guide (SW pgs. 14-15 & 34) to complete Part A: Project Overview and Part B: Target Audience.



1. Project Launch
*Driving Question,
 Goals, Project Plan*

CONGRATULATIONS!
 ✓ Milestone 1 is complete!

“Need to Know” Worksheet

Using your topic and driving question, decide what knowledge and skills you already have, and what you need to know to complete your project. **Revisit** and **revise** this list throughout your project.

What do you already know about the topic?	What do you still need to know to answer your driving question? <i>Try not to answer the questions you need to know right away! This process will be part of your research.</i>	Where will you get this knowledge? <i>Examples: resources, partners school, interviews, site visits</i>	What skills or equipment do you need to accomplish this?

Project Guide – Part A and B (also on SW pgs. 14-15)

As a **living document**, the **Project Guide** will lead the development of your project. Upon completion of each **milestone**, refer to this guide and fill in – **or revise** – the relevant information.

A. Project Overview

Refer to Project Format Options (SW p. 12) for additional guidance.

Topic: _____

Title: _____

Goal: Awareness Advocacy Action

Driving Question (DQ): _____

Objective: Based on your DQ and goal, what do you hope to achieve with your project?

Project Type: Campaign Documentary Event Public Service Announcement

Media Output: Visual Arts Performing Arts Writing Event-Based

Specific output (for example: radio piece, blog, photo story): _____

Calendar: If you are engaging in IVCs, milestones should be completed and shared online one week before the related IVC, so you and your peers have time to give and receive feedback. You may have more than one milestone per IVC.

Milestone	IVC Number and Date <i>Ex: IVC 3, April 2</i>	Milestone Due Date <i>1 week before IVC (Ex: March 25)</i>
1 – Project Launch		
2 – Outline & Content		
3 – Rough Draft		
4 – Finalize & Share		

B. Target Audience

Who is the target audience? (ex: peers, teachers, community, family, country)

Why is this an important target audience?

How will we share our project with our audience? (ex: In local events? Online?)

Interactive Videoconference (IVC) #2 Preparation and Outline

OVERVIEW

The outline below will be used as a guide for discussion during the second IVC. Review and complete this outline prior to IVC #2.

INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCE #2: BUILDING MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES

Day _____

Date _____

Tech Dial-in Time _____:_____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)

Conference Start Time _____:_____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)

IVC #2 Backup Day, Date, Time _____ (Day, Date, Time)

IVC Outline

I. Introduction and Greetings (5 minutes)

GNG facilitator welcomes all participating students to the second IVC meeting. One representative from each school shares:

- Number of students participating in today's IVC:
- Something interesting that has happened in your school community since the last IVC:
- A national/international event that has impacted you/your community since the last IVC:

II. LEARN: Timeline Discussion (20 minutes)

Students share significant events of their timelines. View the timelines of your peers, consider the events your peers identified, and reflect and record three questions on how these related to the lives of your peers, and to your own. How did these events impact you and your peers, and your communities? Did you feel the same or different effects?

Select four to six class representatives to share one event from their timeline, including its significance to themselves and/or their peers.

Three Questions:

-
-
-

III. ACT: Milestone 1: Collaborative Project Launch (20 minutes)

In this second meeting, students will discuss progress towards completion of Milestone 1. Share your project topic and why this is significant and relevant to an issue in your life. Also share your driving question and key elements of your need to know list for feedback and comments from your partner school. During this conversation, decide whether you want to move forward with both projects, or if you want to choose/combine topics from each group to co-construct one project.

- Project topic and relevance:
- Driving Question:
- Need to Know:

-
- Feedback for peers:

IV. 60-Second Showcase! (10 minutes)

Select three student representatives to share a personal interest or talent for their peers. *Try to maintain the 60-Second Showcase as predominately visual or require little technical explanation, especially for IVCs using consecutive translation.*

- Name of Representative:
- Name of Representative:
- Name of Representative:

V. Conclusion (5 minutes)

GNG facilitator thanks all students and teachers for participating and reminds participants to prepare the next module and collaborative project work for the upcoming IVC.

REFLECT

IVC #2 Debriefing Conversation

OVERVIEW

After each IVC, talk with your classmates and your teacher about your experience.

Use this space to record your reflections:

CONNECT on the Online Platform:

Visit GNG's Google+ Youth Talk Community to answer today's poll question(s), posted by GNG:
<https://plus.google.com/u/0/b/109565674376618689920/communities/106878871709054397183>

i. Local and global events:

- a. Impact my personal life
- b. Impact my family and community
- c. Impact my partner country
- d. All of the above
- e. None of the above

CONNECT on the Online Platform to share your reflections with your peers and to prepare for the next IVC!

Unit 3: Investigating Current Global Issues

LEARN

Conflict Tree⁴

OVERVIEW

In this exercise, you will be introduced to using a “conflict tree” as an analytical tool. Analytical tools help organize information so that you can understand the context by looking through different lenses. Use this tool to investigate current global issues and learn more about your collaborative project topic.

Use this space to record your notes:

Conflict:

What is the core problem of this conflict? **Place this information on the tree trunk.**

What are the causes of this conflict? **Place this information on the tree roots.**

What are the effects of this conflict? **Place this information on the tree branches.**

On a separate piece of paper, use your responses above to draw a conflict tree. Label the trunk, branches and roots. Be creative by using large paper and multiple colors.

Note: For projects focused on one of the five themes below, refer to **Appendix A, Thematic Resources**, for additional guidance and background research:

- History, Culture and Belief Systems
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Global Health
- Women’s Rights / Human Rights
- Government and Foreign Policy

Share: Scan or take a picture of your conflict tree and share it on the online platform.

View: View your partner school’s conflict tree, offer comments online, and compose 2-3 questions or comments to share during the IVC.

⁴ Adapted from www.peacepaces.com; United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division of Public Administration and Development Management, Developing Capacities for Conflict Analysis and Early Response. A Training Manual. <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan011117.pdf>

Additional Notes⁵: Conflict Trees and Their Various Components

Overview:

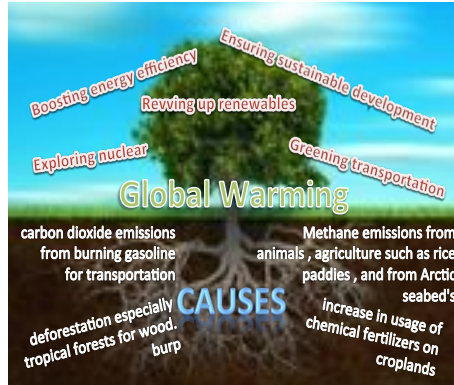
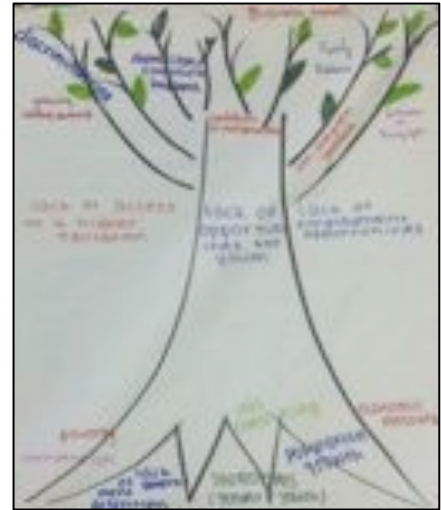
Every conflict or problem has root causes, manifestations and effects, which can be likened to a tree with three main parts or elements: Roots, Trunk and Branches. Conflict analysis depends on who analyzes the conflict, and from what vantage point.

Roots:

The roots are the structural or causal factors. Although they are the invisible contents of the tree, the roots are the anchor and source of life for the tree. Some examples of root causes are for a lack of youth opportunities (Sample Conflict Tree A) are: poverty, lack of government attention, stereotypes, economic pressure and job outsourcing.

Tree trunk:

The trunk is the largest visible content of the tree. It is where all of the roots have converged, yet it is difficult to identify how different roots connect to different parts of the trunk. On its own, the trunk offers some clues about the nature of the tree, or the nature of the conflict. However, it can be dangerous to associate conflict with only the visible core problem. The core problem is actually a convergence of many roots with particular differences, so that the trunk comprises multiple dimensions of the conflict.



Branches, Leaves and Fruits:

Branches, leaves and fruits are the multitude of smaller conflicts or dimensions of the conflict emerging out of the trunk. They are sometimes referred to as effects of the conflict. For example, effects of a lack of youth opportunity (Sample Conflict Tree A) may include family problems, business failure or a growing number of people on welfare.

Beyond the Original Tree:

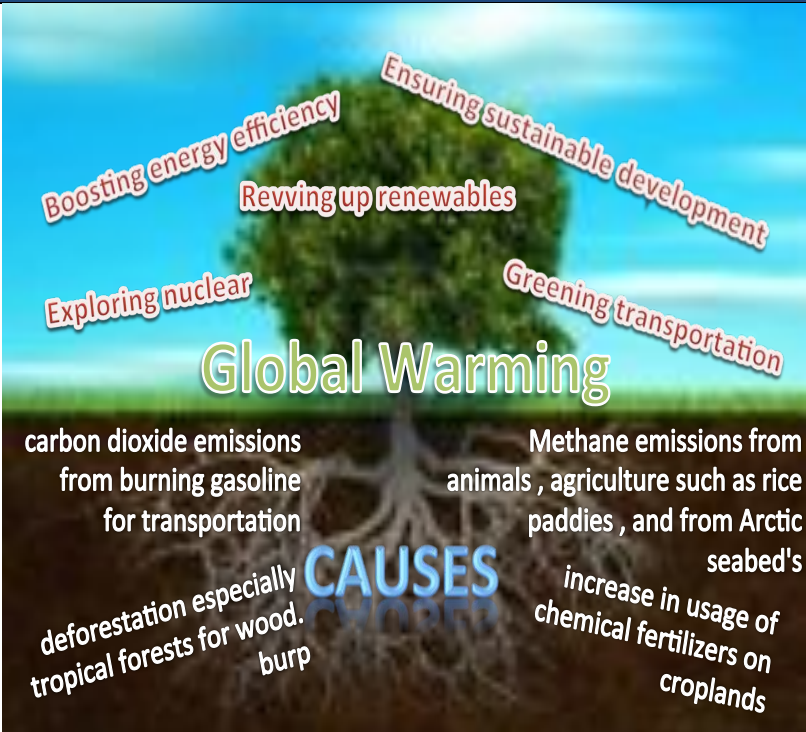
Over an extended period of time the effects or fruits of a particular conflict can fall into the fertile soil, germinate and develop other trees, separate from the original tree. Once this has happened one may need to address problems associated with the new tree outside of the earlier one. Sometimes the old tree is even dead and gone but the new tree grows in strength. This illustrates some of the complexity of conflicts.

⁵ Adapted from: "Developing Capacities for Conflict Analysis and Early Response: A Training Manual," *United Nations Public Administration Network*, <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan011117.pdf>

Sample Conflict Tree A⁶



Sample Conflict Tree B⁷



⁶ Student-developed conflict tree, Global Nomads Group: Global Citizens in Action, 2013
⁷ Student-developed conflict tree, Global Nomads Group: Youth Talk, 2013

ACT

Milestone 2

Project Outline & Content

OVERVIEW

In this second collaborative project milestone, you will view a completed sample project in one of the three categories: awareness, advocacy, or action. Identify the steps in creating the sample project, and define what made it successful in achieving its goal. Then, model this process to outline the steps needed to complete your own project. Identify team roles and draft a narrative project outline.

To complete Milestone 2, you must fill-in Part C: Team Roles and Part D: Activity and Materials Chart of the Project Guide (SW pgs. 14-15 & 44)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. View Sample Project:** Based upon the intended goal of your own project, select one of the six projects below to view/read/observe:

Awareness	<i>OneLENS: Public Service Announcement</i> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xn3aCGUG1qs&list=SP9807DC6DB80322F1	<i>YouthLINKS: Collaborative Mural</i> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhPU1MjJr1A&list=PLJo_lhg1LV0CuEU-sia2PqevX0F8ebsMO
Advocacy	<i>One Million Bones: Join the Movement!</i> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFukmsLLG0k	<i>ETN: Student Interactive Theater</i> http://www.slideshare.net/mollyjlevine/etn-vocational-school-student-interactive-theater
Action	<i>Kids vs. Global Warming – Video and Blog</i> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpMYkynJuw&feature=relmfu (Video) http://www.imatteryouth.org/home.html#!blog/ci6c (Blog)	<i>Shumate Middle School, STOMP Out Bullying Campaign:</i> http://www.thenewsherald.com/articles/2012/05/23/news/doc4fbc105f4d2ba723260472.txt?viewmode=fullstory

What did this project make you feel, think, or want to do as a result of viewing?

What elements of this project helped it reach its goal of awareness, advocacy or action?

What could have been strengthened to better reach the project goal?

In what ways do you think this project impacted its school and community?

2. Team Roles: It took more than one person to complete the project you viewed. Indicate what roles you think individuals played in completing the project you viewed, referring to the Project Team Roles (SW p. 13) for guidance.

- Group Leader
- Research Committee
- Logistics Committee
- Content Committee
- Documentation Committee
- Outreach Committee

3. Activities and Materials: What steps do you think the group took to complete the project you viewed? What materials or resources do you think the project team needed?

Record all of the steps, materials, resources, and roles students think were needed to make the sample project successful.

Activity (Step)	Materials/Resources Needed	Committee Responsible
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

4. Now it's your turn! Identify Project Activities and Team Roles for Your Own Project:

Using your notes on what made the sample project successful, list the team roles, step-by-step process, and materials/resources needed to complete your own project.

Be as specific as possible in outlining steps. Don't forget to include deadlines with the IVC dates in mind!

Use the **Project Team Roles** (SW p. 13) to make sure **every person in the group has a role** in the collaborative project. If applicable, be sure you are prepared to discuss team roles with your partner school.

5. Project Guide: Using the information recorded in step 4 above, return to the Project Guide (SW pgs. 14-15 & 44) to record this information in Part C: Team Roles and Part D: Activity and Materials Chart.

6. Narrative Project Outline: Create a narrative outline for the project to help describe the story of your project. Project outlines could be in the form of:

- Image criteria/subject list for photo story
- Argument points for letter-writing campaign
- Storyboard for a short film
- Bulleted narrative of theatre/radio piece
- Interview questions for live debate

7. Presentation, Feedback, Revision: Present your narrative project outline to your peers for feedback, in class and during the IVC. Presentations should be 5-8 minutes in length and give peers a sense of the narrative, story, or argument that the project will tell. Use the **Feedback Guide** (SW p. 16) to give and receive feedback.

2. Outline & Content

*Build Knowledge,
Content, and Skills to
Answer DQ*

CONGRATULATIONS!

✓ Milestone 2 is complete!

Project Guide –Part C and D (Also on SW pgs. 14-15)

C. Team Roles

Refer to Project Team Roles (SW p. 13) for additional guidance.

Student Roles: Record your group’s roles here.

Group Leader: _____

Research Committee: _____

Logistics Committee: _____

Content Committee: _____

Documentation Committee: _____

Outreach Committee: _____

Partner School Role (if applicable): What do you need from your partner school?

D. Activity and Materials Chart

Record the step-by-step process for completing your project in the chart below, taking into account all student roles. Specify the materials you need, deadline for each step (keep the milestone deadlines in mind!), and committee responsible for each activity.

Activity (Step)	Materials/Resources Needed	Deadline	School Responsible	Committee Responsible
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				

Milestone 3

Rough Draft

OVERVIEW

In this third collaborative project milestone, you will first update your Project Guide based on feedback from peers on the narrative outline. Then, you will gather content and create the first draft of your project, receive feedback from peers, and update and revise your project plan as needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Reflect and Revise:** Return to your Project Guide (SW p. 14-15) and “Need to Know List” (Milestone 1, SW p. 33) and update your “Activities and Materials Chart” (Part D) with feedback from your peers.
2. **Create Your Rough Draft:** Using the outline and updated “Activities and Materials Chart “ (Part D, Project Guide), as a foundation, continue gathering content and create a rough draft of the project.
3. **Presentation, Feedback, Revision:** Present your rough draft – and changes to the Project Guide – to peers in class and during the IVC. Presentations should be 5-8 minutes in length and give peers a nearly complete vision and understanding of how the project unfolds to achieve its goal. Use the **Feedback Guide** (SW p. 16) to give and receive feedback.

3. Rough Draft

*Create and Revise
Project to Answer
DQ*

CONGRATULATIONS!

✓ Milestone 3 is complete!

Project Guide (Also on SW pgs. 14-15)

As a **living document**, the **Project Guide** will lead the development of your project. Upon completion of each **milestone**, refer to this guide and fill in – **or revise** – the relevant information.

A. Project Overview

Refer to Project Format Options (SW p. 12) for additional guidance.

Topic: _____

Title: _____

Goal: Awareness Advocacy Action

Driving Question (DQ): _____

Objective: Based on your DQ and goal, what do you hope to achieve with your project?

Project Type: Campaign Documentary Event Public Service Announcement

Media Output: Visual Arts Performing Arts Writing Event-Based

Specific output (for example: radio piece, blog, photo story): _____

Calendar: If you are engaging in IVCs, milestones should be completed and shared online one week before the related IVC, so you and your peers have time to give and receive feedback. You may have more than one milestone per IVC.

Milestone	IVC Number and Date <i>Ex: IVC 3, April 2</i>	Milestone Due Date <i>1 week before IVC (Ex: March 25)</i>
1 – Project Launch		
2 – Outline & Content		
3 – Rough Draft		
4 – Finalize & Share		

B. Target Audience

Who is the target audience? (ex: peers, teachers, community, family, country)

Why is this an important target audience?

How will we share our project with our audience? (ex: In local events? Online?)

Media and Society Module
 Unit 3: Investigating Current Global Issues

C. Team Roles

Refer to Project Team Roles (SW p. 13) for additional guidance.

Student Roles: *Record your group's roles here.*

Group Leader: _____

Research Committee: _____

Logistics Committee: _____

Content Committee: _____

Documentation Committee: _____

Outreach Committee: _____

Partner School Role (if applicable): *What do you need from your partner school?*

D. Activity and Materials Chart

Record the step-by-step process for completing your project in the chart below, taking into account all student roles. Specify the materials you need, deadline for each step (keep the milestone deadlines in mind!), and committee responsible for each activity.

Activity (Step)	Materials/Resources Needed	Deadline	School Responsible	Committee Responsible
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				

Interactive Videoconference (IVC) #3 Preparation and Outline

OVERVIEW

The outline below will be used as a guide for discussion during the third IVC. Review and complete this outline prior to IVC #3.

INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCE #3: INVESTIGATING CURRENT GLOBAL ISSUES

Day _____

Date _____

Tech Dial-in Time _____:_____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)

Conference Start Time _____:_____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)

IVC #3 Backup Day, Date, Time _____ (Day, Date, Time)

IVC Outline

I. Introduction and Greetings (5 minutes)

GNG facilitator welcomes all participating students to the third IVC meeting. One representative from each school shares:

- Number of students participating in today's IVC:
- Something interesting that has happened in your community since the last IVC:
- A national/international event that has impacted you/your community since the last IVC:

II. Updates and Exchanges (10 minutes)

It has been a while since IVC #2. Students should use this time to share and receive updates from their peers. These can be both general about their school and community or specific to program participation. Record three thoughtful and reflective pieces of information to share and/or questions for your peers.

Three Updates/Questions:

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-
-

I. LEARN: Presentation of Conflict Tree (20 minutes)

Students share and discuss their conflict trees, including the general knowledge they are gaining on their collaborative project topic. Students will offer three questions/comments on the conflict tree of their peers.

Conflict Tree Description:

- Name of Class Representative; Explanation of Core Problem and relationship of topic to collaborative project goal
- Name of Class Representative; Explanation of Causes of Problem
- Name of Class Representative; Explanation of Effects of Problem

Three Questions/Comments:

-
-
-

III. ACT: Milestone 2: Outline & Content and Milestone 3: Rough Draft (20 minutes)

In this third meeting, students will share their narrative project outlines and rough drafts for feedback from their peers. They also share one resource or current news article collected during the research phase. If applicable, students will also inform peers of what will be needed to help carry out the collaborative partnership of the project.

Use the **Feedback Guide** (EH p. 16; SW p. 16) to guide your responses to your peers, and be sure to have someone recording notes to make revisions to your own work!

- Narrative Project Outline Presentation:
- Rough Draft Presentation:
- Current Events on Collaborative Project Topic:

-
- Feedback Guide notes:
 - I hear / I see...
 - I want more of...
 - I wonder...

IV. Conclusion (5 minutes)

GNG facilitator thanks all students and teachers for participating and reminds participants that all collaborative projects must be completed by the next, and final, IVC.

REFLECT

IVC #3 Debriefing Conversation

OVERVIEW

After each IVC, talk with your classmates and your teacher about your experience.

Use this space to record your reflections:

CONNECT on the Online Platform:

Visit GNG's Google+ Youth Talk Community to answer today's poll question(s), posted by GNG:
<https://plus.google.com/u/0/b/109565674376618689920/communities/106878871709054397183>

i. My classmates and I are:

- a. On track and prepared to complete our collaborative project
- b. Still need to conduct significant research in order to complete our project
- c. Still need additional support from our partner school in order to complete our project

CONNECT on the Online Platform to share your reflections with your peers and to prepare for the next IVC!

Global Citizenship Module

Global Citizenship is the ongoing process of becoming culturally aware and well-informed about people, places, and events worldwide, and developing the motivation to use that knowledge to positively influence local and global communities. In this final module, you will draw inspiration from other youth leaders to consider the ways in which you can tangibly create positive change in your own community through your collaborative project.

The **collaborative project** concludes in Unit 4 with presentation of both the final product and an action plan for sharing the product with others.

Milestone Four, Finalize and Share, should be completed by the conclusion of this module.

Unit 4: Engaging Our Communities		
	Activity	Page (SW)
LEARN	Activism Case studies	p. 52
ACT	Milestone 4: Final Product	p. 55
	Interactive Videoconference (IVC) #4	p. 57-58
REFLECT	Reflect & Connect	p. 59
Program Evaluation and Debrief	Student Online Surveys	

Unit 4: Engaging Our Communities

LEARN

Activism Case Studies

OVERVIEW

In this exercise you will learn about young people who took on active roles in their communities to promote positive social change. Consider the skills and methods used by others to engage communities, and how you could likewise harness these skills when engaging your own communities.

Use this space to record your notes:

**Optional: EXPAND YOUR UNDERSTANDING
Tomorrow's Leaders, Today**

- Many of today's well-known leaders began as individuals leading everyday lives, who possessed determination and ambition. In your community and country today, what rising leaders do you see?
- Reflect on your leadership qualities and draft an action plan of a project you would like to implement in your local community.

Share: Post new leadership types that you identified, and their significance, to the online platform.
View: View, offer comments online, and compose 2-3 questions or comments on the leadership types posted by your peers

Case Study Overview

AMANI EL TUNSI – GIRLS ONLY RADIO:

In 2008, 25-year-old Amani El Tunsi launched Girls Only (Banat wa Bas) Radio because she was concerned about the future of women in Egypt and the lack of media content relevant to women. The station, which is run by women for women, is the first of its kind in the Arab region and began with eight female presenters and a small following, but has grown to over 25 presenters and five million subscribers in 2013.⁸ The radio serves as an open space for female presenters and audience members to discuss topics related to women's rights: politics, religion, sexual abuse, and family. Amani, who holds a college degree in computer science, has faced opposition to her work with Girls Only



Radio; she was fired from her job as a graphic designer, arrested, and lost financial investors. However, she continues her commitment to providing radio programming relevant to women in her community. Despite hardships and opposition, Amani lives by her motto: "I will resist and won't follow the others. I can make a change."⁹ This belief drives her desire to strengthen and educate the female community in Egypt.¹⁰



BABAR ALI – YOUNGEST HEADMASTER:

Babar Ali has been called the "youngest headmaster in the world" by BBC News.¹¹ In 2002 at the age of 9, Ali opened a school in his family's backyard for the children in his village in West Bengal, India, with the goal to provide education for all. His interest in teaching began at age 9 when some of his friends, who were unable to attend school, wanted to learn what Ali was learning in the government-run school that he attended. The informal lessons he gave to his friends inspired a passion for teaching and a desire to help children in his village who could not afford to go to school: "It's my duty to educate them, to help our country build a better future."¹² Ali opened the

school and served as headmaster while he was still a student himself, and recruited friends to serve as additional volunteer teachers. During the day, he attended a school and in the afternoon he operated and taught at the school in his backyard. In 2002, when it started, the school served 8 students; by 2009, over 600 students attended the school. Babar Ali has received numerous awards for his work, including recognition by CNN-IBN's program "Real Heroes," and has been a TED Talk guest speaker.¹³

STUDENT'S CHOICE:

Who inspires you?! Students may also choose to investigate a case study of their choice, looking at young people (or one specific young person) taking on active roles in their community. Students may consider selecting a case study and leader of their partner country, or a case study from their own country that they would like to share with their partner school.

⁸ "Girls Only Radio Station," *World Summit Youth Award*, 2013, <http://www.youthaward.org/winners/girls-only-radio-station>

⁹ "Egyptian Divorcees, Girls Only, Burst onto Web Radio Scene," *Huffington Post*, 21 September, 2009, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/magda-abufadil/egyptian-divorces-girls-o_b_293425.html

¹⁰ For additional information on Amani El Tunsi, see: "Amani El Tunsi," *Ashoka Innovators for the Public*, 2013, <https://www.ashoka.org/fellow/amani-el-tunsi>

¹¹ "Hungry to Learn Across the World," *BBC News*, 12 October, 2009, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8299780.stm>

¹² *Ibid.*

¹³ For additional information on Babar Ali, see: "Babar Ali," *Real Heroes*, <http://www.realheroes.com/babar-ali.php>

“Leadership Types” Worksheet¹⁴

“What it means to be a leader is not in a single form. We need to embrace and encourage and support different approaches to leadership. [Solving] the complex challenges that exist in the world today is about convergence of those approaches to leadership.” – Jennifer Corriero, TedxTeen, 27 March 2010

Individuals who engage their communities to promote positive change come in all shapes and sizes, with different skills, qualities and methods that aide in their success. Below are five types of leaders. Each leadership type is individually influential, and collectively powerful.

Different Types of Leaders

1. Reflecting on the young person of your case study discussion and the free write/draw, develop a sixth leadership type in the final row and indicate why this role is significant in positively engaging communities.

2. What leadership type(s) are you? What is one way in which you will showcase this type in your own community engagement through the collaborative project?



¹⁴ “Different Types of Leaders” chart compiled from:
 Jennifer Corriero. “Next Generation Youth Leadership,” *TedxTeen*, 27 March 2010, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hI6Czn7GeSw>
 “Five Practices,” *The Student Leadership Challenge*, 2011, <http://www.studentleadershipchallenge.com/About/Five-practices.aspx>

ACT

Milestone 4

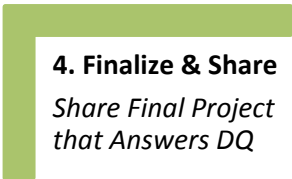
Final Product & Sharing

OVERVIEW

In this final collaborative project activity, you will incorporate feedback from the rough draft, gather any additional content needed, and finish the creation of the final product. You will also implement a distribution plan to share the project with multiple audiences.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Reflect and Revise:** Return to your Project Guide (SW p. 14-15) and “Need to Know List” (Milestone 1, p. 33) and update with feedback from your peers on your rough draft.
 - a. Is your project addressing all six elements of a successful project according to the Criteria Wheel (SW p. 11)? If not, what elements of your project still need to be addressed to ensure your project is meeting the relevant criteria.
2. **Finalize the Product:** Based on feedback from peers on the rough draft of your project, and any additional content gathered, move forward with creation of the final product. You should be able to answer the following upon completion of the project:
 - a. How does your project address your target audience and their needs and/or interests?
 - b. How does your project answer the DQ?
3. **Craft a Distribution Plan:** Use the “Call to Action” planning worksheet (SW p. 56) to identify where and how to share your project with your target audience (Project Guide, Part B).
4. **Keep Going!:** You have completed your final product, but make sure to share it with multiple audiences beyond your partner group! Share in local events, online, and more!



4. Finalize & Share
*Share Final Project
that Answers DQ*

CONGRATULATIONS!

✓ Milestone 4 and your collaborative project are complete!

“Call to Action” Planning Guide

WHO:

- ✓ Who is the target audience? (Hint: See Project Guide, Part B: Target Audience)

WHY:

- ✓ Why is this an important target audience?

HOW:

- ✓ How will we engage this audience? (i.e. in what format? Film screening, art showcase, poetry reading, food festival)
- ✓ Where will we hold this event?
- ✓ On what day and time should we plan this event? Is this the best time to engage our target audience?
- ✓ How will we advertise our event to our target audience?

Interactive Videoconference (IVC) #4 Preparation and Outline

OVERVIEW

The outline below will be used as a guide for discussion during the third IVC. Review and complete this outline prior to IVC #4.

INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCE #4: ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES

Day _____

Date _____

Tech Dial-in Time _____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)

Conference Start Time _____:____ (Hour: Minute AM / PM)

IVC #4 Backup Day, Date, Time (Day, Date, Time)

IVC Outline

I. Introduction and Greetings (5 minutes)

GNG facilitator introduces all participating students to the final IVC of the program. One representative from each school shares:

- Name of Representative:
- Number of students participating in today's IVC:
- Something interesting that has happened in your community since the last IVC:
- A national/international event that has impacted you/your community since the last IVC:

III. LEARN: Activism Case Studies Discussion (10 minutes)

Students share reflections on the activism case studies and discuss their own skills and qualities, in relation to the Leadership Types. This should include how students can use these skills in engagement of their own community through the collaborative project.

Case Study Observations and Comments:

My own style and qualities that help me positively engage my community:

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II. ACT: Milestone 4: Final Product & Sharing (20 minutes)

Students share their completed Collaborative Project with their partner school. Introduce your project, discuss its significance to your community, any challenges or triumphs in completing the project, and your “Call to Action” distribution plan.

- Name of Representative; Introduction of Project
- Name of Representative; Explanation of Project’s Significance
- Name of Representative; Explanation of Challenges or Triumphs

“Call to Action” Distribution Plan:

Comments for Your Peers:

III. 60-Second Showcase! (10 minutes)

Any students who have not yet shared their talents with their peers will have the opportunity to do so in this final IVC.

- Name of Representative:
- Name of Representative:
- Name of Representative:

IV. Culminating Discussion (10 minutes)

This is the final IVC meeting. Reflecting on the module topics and your experiences to date, record any final questions for your peers.

V. Conclusion (5 minutes)

GNG facilitator thanks all students and teachers for participating, reminds students to remain connected through the online platform, and invites all to join the Youth Talk alumni network! Select one student representative to express final “thank you and goodbye” remarks on behalf of the class.

Name of Representative; Final Remarks:

REFLECT

IVC #4 Debriefing Conversation

OVERVIEW

After each IVC, talk with your classmates and your teacher about your experience.

Write or draw your feelings and reflections on your Youth Talk experience in a 200-word paragraph or one-page visual image (photo or drawing). Share these reflections on the online platform and with GNG staff.

Use this space to record your reflections:

CONNECT on the Online Platform:

Visit GNG's Google+ Youth Talk Community to answer today's poll question(s), posted by GNG:
<https://plus.google.com/u/0/b/109565674376618689920/communities/106878871709054397183>

i. As a result of participating in Youth Talk I gained: (Select all that apply)

- a. New knowledge about another culture
- b. A deeper commitment to changing my local community
- c. A deeper commitment to changing my global community
- d. A better understanding of current events and politics
- e. Increased self-confidence
- f. Improved language and communication skills

ii. Complete this sentence: With our collaborative project, my classmates and I will...

- a. Share the project with our friends.
- b. Share the project with our school and classmates.
- c. Share the project with our families.
- d. Share the project with our community.

CONNECT on the Online Platform to share your reflections on this year's Youth Talk experience!

Stay connected with your partner school and your local community through the ALUMNI TOOLKIT!

Alumni Toolkit

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Alumni Toolkit Overview

Congratulations! As a student who has successfully completed a Global Nomads Group program you are now part of the GNG Alumni Network! Even though your virtual exchange program has ended, we hope you'll stay connected with your peers and share your experiences through any or all of the following activities:

Stay Connected

- Reach out to your partner school peers
- Meet peers from other schools
- Start discussion forums on the online platform
- Post updates about your school and community to the online platform

Share Your Experience

- Display your final project(s) at your school
- Give a presentation about your experience to friends, clubs, and/or family
- Write letters to future GNG participants

Plan an Event

- Plan a film screening of your final project(s) and/or related documentaries
- Host a cultural exchange event (food festival, holiday celebration, music & dance)
- Arrange a guest speaker to share information about a related topic (religion, culture, politics, current events from your partner country, etc.)

Planning an Event: Getting Started

Whether you are planning an event at your school, in your community, or sharing on an individual level, it is important to organize all logistical details in advance and prepare a back-up plan in case of last-minute challenges.

- Goals for the Event:** Determine your goals before planning the event. Defining your motivations will help ensure successful participation (and turnout).

Sample Goals:

- ✓ Raise awareness about a social issue, which you discussed in the program;
- ✓ Share what you learned in the program about a topic such as culture, religion, food, education, family, etc;
- ✓ Take action by promoting participation in future GNG programs.

- Choosing the Date:** Choose a date that works best for both you and your audience but which also meets the goal you have set for the activity. For example, if you wish to use this event to motivate your audience to participate in a holiday celebration, consider when you will coordinate additional activities and schedule these activities accordingly.

A few general suggestions for picking a date:

- ✓ Ensure you have enough time to plan and promote the event.
- ✓ Consider holidays and/or school breaks. To keep momentum going, any additional activities should be held within two weeks of the event.
- ✓ If you need to reserve a special room/venue, be sure it is available on your desired date.

- Reserving the Venue:**

- ✓ Can the venue accommodate everyone planning to attend?
- ✓ Will everyone be able to hear? Is it possible to set up sound equipment if necessary?
- ✓ How is the lighting in the venue?
- ✓ Does the venue include all necessary video and sound equipment for your event, or will you need to arrange equipment separately?
- ✓ If applicable, is there space to store refreshments or snacks if you are providing?

- The Event: Hospitality**

- ✓ Do you wish to track attendance? If so, set up a registration area outside the main entrance to the event with formal sign-in sheets. If you plan to send out additional information post-event, include an area on the sign-in sheet for guests to include an email address.
- ✓ Do you want to offer light refreshments? This is a great way to get the community involved -- check in with your local bakery or coffee shop to see if they would be willing to donate for the event. If possible, this is an opportunity to prepare treats from your partner country.
- ✓ Do you need help with setting up and facilitating the event? If so, enlist volunteers well in advance to ensure you have adequate support.

- Advertising – Reaching Target Audience**

- ✓ Share information about your event with posters, emails, school and/or community newspapers, and social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- ✓ For planning purposes, it may be helpful to request RSVPs to track attendance.
- ✓ Make sure to send out a reminder prior to the event.

Alumni Toolkit

- **Plan a Discussion:** After a film screening or guest speaker facilitate a discussion on themes that arose from the event. Start any discussion with the brief summary of your personal involvement in the GNG project before proceeding with questions.

Sample Discussion Questions:

- ✓ How do you think GNG programs are contributing to the process of fostering dialogue?
- ✓ What questions would you be interested in asking the students from the partner school?
- ✓ After watching this event, has your perception of the partner country changed? How?
- ✓ What did you find most surprising? What would you like to discuss further?

Anticipate questions from the audience:

- ✓ Were the students from the partner schools who participated in the project able to keep in touch with one another after the videoconferences?
- ✓ What other activities did these students participate in together?

Planning an Event: Before, During, and After

□ **Before the Event:**

- ✓ Ensure venue/equipment is reserved.
- ✓ Confirm that internet connection is available, if needed.
- ✓ Make sure that the refreshments have been ordered (if applicable).
- ✓ Ensure materials are printed (e.g. sign-in sheets, information on GNG).
- ✓ Be sure you have a digital camera to take pictures to document your event (depending on your audience, you may require photo releases).

□ **Day of the Event:**

- ✓ Arrive early to begin set-up.
- ✓ Check audio/visual prior to event start.
- ✓ If you are having a sign-in sheet, ensure the table is in a visible location and a volunteer is there to greet people when they arrive.
- ✓ Make sure you have sufficient materials printed for your anticipated audience (e.g. further information on GNG programs) and display these in a visible location. Hand the materials out when guests sign-in, or have the materials set on each seat prior to audience arrival.
- ✓ Begin with an introduction to GNG and a brief explanation of what you hope the audience will gain from the event. This is an opportunity to facilitate a brief discussion with probing questions. If you will be holding a discussion after the event, be sure to reference this prior to the event so the audience is prepared to participate.

□ **Concluding the Event:**

- ✓ Conclude by thanking everyone for participating. Encourage them to visit the GNG website and “Like us” on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/globalnomadsgroup>).
- ✓ Give the audiences ideas for ways to get involved!

□ **After the Event:**

- ✓ If you have collected email addresses, follow up with an email thanking everyone for their participation and including any relevant follow-up information
- ✓ If you had any special guests, send them a personal thank you note.
- ✓ Debrief to determine what went well and what could have been improved.
- ✓ Post your photos on the GNG Facebook and NING pages!

Planning an Event: Options

Film Screening

- Based on audience size, find an appropriate space for the screening (auditorium, classroom, etc.).
- Make sure you have the proper equipment with the proper adapters, most projectors and TV sets can be connected directly to a laptop, and therefore the video can be streamed from the Internet.
- Make sure you have the right size screen for your audience size.
- In case of technology issues the day of the screening, make sure to have the contact name and number for a person that can be reached during your event.
- Create a program with background and context about the videos to distribute at the screening.

Cultural Celebration

- Possible ideas include a religious celebration, food festival, music & dance.
- Find a space (park, gymnasium, etc.) that is the appropriate size for people to come and go and able to move around during the event.
- Arrange food/ refreshments with a local restaurant and be mindful of possible diet restrictions amongst your audience.
- If technology or sound equipment is required, ensure in advance that it works.
- Create a program with background and cultural context about the holiday, tradition, music, etc. to distribute at the event.

Guest Speaker

- Research experts or officials in your community and contact them about their interest and availability for your event.
- Find out if the guest(s) have special requirements or fees.
- Create a program with guest speaker biography and background about the topic to distribute at the event.

Appendix A: Thematic Resources

Theme: Culture, History, and Belief Systems

Description: Culture is a complex topic and can be separated into material culture and non-material culture. Material culture refers to the cultural artifacts that are produced by a group of people such as art, food, buildings, historic monuments, etc. Non-material culture is more difficult to define and identify but non-material culture can be explained as the values, beliefs, and the systems of meaning that are shared by a group of people. Culture is not biological but rather learned and is informed by traditions, religious systems, storytelling, and local history. Students who are interested in learning more about these topics can explore different forms of material and non-material culture, world religions, and the history of a particular geographical region.

Resources:

PBS Global Connections	An overview of Middle Eastern Cultural topics including languages, religions, family, and history.	http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/themes/culture/
UNESCO	An explanation of tangible cultural heritage and the efforts to protect historical sites	http://www.unesco.org/new/en/cairo/culture/tangible-cultural-heritage/
BBC	An overview of religion as a system of meaning and provides detailed information about twenty world religions.	http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/
Middle East Institute	The Institute aims to provide non-partisan information about the Middle East.	http://www.mei.edu/
US Government	A concise and brief history of the United State of America in PDF format.	http://www.america.gov/publications/books/usa-history-in-brief.html
TED Talks	A list of TED Talks under the category "World Culture."	http://www.ted.com/topics/world%20cultures
The British Museum	An overview of world cultures and history by region	http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/cultures.aspx
Smithsonian Museum	Stories and artifacts from World History and American History.	http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/world-history/

Theme: Environment and Natural Resources

Description: The environment refers to the natural world and the surroundings in which an animal, plant, and or person lives. Living things are dependent on the environment for their survival and have learned to adapt to their surroundings. Human activity has an impact on the environment as we consume natural resources to support our daily lives, such as water, natural gas, coal, oil, trees, etc. The depletion of natural resources is a growing concern and students interested in exploring environmental topics may focus on climate change, energy consumption, the water crisis, and/ or efforts to limit our environmental impact.

Resources:

Qatar Foundation	Under the overarching aim of promoting development in the nation of Qatar, the website provides an overview of the organization's environmental efforts.	http://www.qf.com.qa/environment
US National Park Service on Climate Change	An overview of climate change with vocabulary definitions and diagrams.	http://www.nps.gov/goga/naturescience/climate-change-causes.htm
UNEP Collaborating Center on Water and Environment	Supports the UN on issues of water consumptions and protecting fresh water resources and preserving the marine environment.	http://www.ucc-water.org/
EcoPeace Friend of the Earth Middle East	An organization that aims to protect the shared environmental heritage in Jordan, Palestine, and Israel with a wide range of environmental projects.	http://foeme.org/www/?module=about_us&record_id=12
US Environmental Protection Agency	Explanation of how the products we use contribute to climate change. Includes conservation tips.	http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/climate-change-waste/life-cycle-diagram.html
International Research Institute for Climate and Society	Works to manage the impact of climate and improve society and the environment through research, education, and advocacy	http://irithree.ldeo.columbia.edu/about-us/what-is-iri/
UN Global Issues	An overview of global issues related to the environment and links to additional resources.	http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/environment/

Theme: Global Health

Description: Access to health care is unequally distributed around the world and millions of people die each year from preventable diseases. Pandemic diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and influenza are still considered global in nature and the changing environmental factors and globalization has also had adverse effects on global health. Poverty is the number one cause of preventable diseases. Over one billion people live in conditions of extreme poverty living off less than one dollar a day.¹⁵ Poor living conditions can make people sick due to limited access to clean drinking water, lack of adequate shelter, and absence of proper sanitation. New technologies offer solutions to health challenges and new technological innovations should aim to provide effective and cost effective methods to help solve current global health challenges. Students interested in these topics can research a health crisis of their choice, innovative health technologies, or international aid targeting health needs.

Resources:

The New England Journal of Medicine	An overview on global health from the leading medicine journal in the US.	http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMe1208801
World Health Organization (WHO)	Publication on 2013 health statistics by the UN authority on health and health related programming	http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/82058/1/WHO_HIS_HSI_13.1_eng.pdf
World Health Organization (WHO)	The UN authority on health and health related programming.	http://www.who.int/healthinfo/en/
The Global Fund	An organization committed to fighting AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria internationally.	http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/about/diseases/
UN Global Issues	An introduction to the UN's efforts to improve global health. Site includes links to various health crises.	http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/health/index.shtml
Health Right	An organization committed to providing accessible health care to excluded communities internationally.	http://www.healthright.org/who-we-are/our-mission

¹⁵ "World Health Statistics 2013: a Wealth of Information on Global Public Health," *World Health Organization*, http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/82058/1/WHO_HIS_HSI_13.1_eng.pdf

Theme: Human Rights

Description: Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, whatever his or her nationality, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, language, or any other status. All people are equally entitled to human rights without discrimination.¹⁶ Although human rights are guaranteed to all, violations of human rights persist worldwide. Students interested in further exploring this topic may focus on human rights issues in their local and global communities, including discrimination, education rights, women’s rights or gender and equity.

Resources:

Universal Declaration of Human Rights	Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1948; Names rights to which all humans are inherently entitled	http://www.un.org/en/documents/udhr/
Declaration of the Rights of the Child	Adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1949; Names rights to which all children are entitled	http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/humanrights/resources/child.asp
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	Promotes and protects all human rights of the international community.	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Pages/WelcomePage.aspx
IRIN Humanitarian News and Analysis	Humanitarian news and analysis service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs	http://www.irinnews.org/
Human Rights Watch	Publishes reports and briefings on human rights conditions in over 90 countries.	http://www.hrw.org/
Amnesty International	Unites people from all over the world to fight for human rights using research, action and advocacy	http://www.amnestyusa.org/
UN Human Rights Issues	An overview of human rights issues, and links to resources for additional information	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Pages/Listofissues.aspx
UN Global Issues	An overview of global issues, and links to resources for additional information.	http://www.un.org/en/globalissues/index.shtml

¹⁶ “What are Human Rights,” *Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2013*, <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Pages/WhatareHumanRights.aspx>

Theme: Government and Foreign Policy

Description: A government is the system that makes and administers the policies, actions and affairs of a state, community, or country. Every country does not have the same government system. Rather, different countries have different types of government systems and the decision-making roles and processes in each of these types differ. The ways in which different countries interact with one another is known as a country's foreign policy. The foreign policy initiatives of different countries vary based upon national objectives. Students interested in exploring the government and foreign policy initiatives of countries worldwide, and how these are interrelated, may choose to focus on US-Middle East and North African relations or current events affecting the international community and the role of their country and their partner country.

Resources:

Council on Foreign Relations	The Council on Foreign Relations publishes on U.S. foreign policy and international affairs.	http://www.cfr.org/
Foreign Affairs: Middle East	Foreign Affairs analyzes and debates foreign policy, economics and global affairs.	http://www.foreignaffairs.com/regions/Middle%20East
Arab Spring Interactive Timeline, The Guardian	Timeline of events leading up to and including the Arab Spring, separated by country.	http://www.theguardian.com/world/interactive/2011/mar/22/middle-east-protest-interactive-timeline
CFR: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	An in-depth, multimedia look at the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and its geopolitical repercussions.	http://www.cfr.org/israel/crisis-guide-israeli-palestinian-conflict/p13850
CFR: Issue Guide - One Year of Arab Spring Upheavals	Overview of articles and other publications on the Arab Spring and its impact, by country.	http://www.cfr.org/middle-east-and-north-africa/issue-guide-one-year-arab-spring-upheavals/p26764
Wadah Khanfar: A historic moment in the Arab World (Video: 17 minutes)	Wadah Khanfar, the head of Al Jazeera, shares an optimistic view of current events in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and beyond.	http://www.ted.com/talks/wadah_khanfar_a_historic_moment_in_the_arab_world.html
President Obama's Speech to the Arab World (Video: 58 minutes)	President Obama's 2009 address to the Arab World	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_889oBkkNU
General Current Events and News Resources	New York Times International Herald Tribune Al Jazeera English Al Jazeera Arabic BBC World News Brookings Institution: International Affairs CIA World Factbook	http://www.nytimes.com http://global.nytimes.com/?iht http://america.aljazeera.com/ http://www.aljazeera.net/portal http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world/ http://www.brookings.edu/research/topics/international-affairs https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/