

Activity 16 | Resource depletion and pollution (20 min)

(activity) Many countries around the world face the challenge of dealing with pollution and resource depletion. However, governments' abilities and approaches to dealing with these challenges differ. Divide students into small groups and assign each group the theme clips relating to pollution and resource depletion on one of the following children: Rosemary, Angela, Martens, Emelie and Stephanie. Ask students to discuss in their groups what the problem is (e.g. overfishing). Do the clips tell you if anything is being done to prevent/stop the problem (e.g. government quotas)? Students can use the Internet to research more information. Ask students to report their findings back to the entire group. Do students notice which countries have taken action (Norway and USA) and which countries haven't (Papua New Guinea, Brasil)? Taking environmental action requires political will, strong systems to regulate and implement laws, and money.