

## **Global Issues - Resources for Teachers/Students**

### **Global Issues to Research:**

1. Access to Clean Water (and/or Food)
2. Biodiversity & Habitat Preservation
3. Invasive Species
4. Types of Government Around the World
5. Ocean Pollution
6. Endangered Species
7. Genetically Modified Foods
8. Global Warming

### **Access to Clean water**

- **Getting serious about the world water shortage**

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B000370853>

- **Thirsty Planet (article)**

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B000310158>

- **Jenneh Corkren - A teenage activist who is working toward bringing water change in Liberia**

<http://www.konnectafrica.net/jenneh-corkren/>

- **Water Woes**

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B000302776>

- **In Papua New Guinea, most people don't have access to clean water**

<https://newsela.com/read/papuanewguinea-water/id/15984/>

**Child Survival - Water and Sanitation (UNICEF website)**

<https://www.unicefusa.org/mission/survival/water>

**Connecticut Veterans 4 Puerto Rico Group Brings Relief to Island**

<https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Connecticut-Veterans-4-Puerto-Rico-Group-Brings-Relief-to-Island-450754973.html>

## **Access to Food**

- **Down and Out: Street Kids Struggle to Survive (article)**

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B000185616>

- **2016 World Hunger and Poverty Facts (website)**

<http://www.worldhunger.org/2015-world-hunger-and-poverty-facts-and-statistics/>

- **Katie Stagliano helps to solve food hunger in the United States (website and video)**

<http://www.trueactivist.com/awesome-teen-girl-solves-americas-hunger-problem/>

- **Kiran Sridhar designs an app to help solve the world's hunger problem (website and video)**

<https://brightfuture.unilever.us/stories/474896/One-Teen-s-Mission-to-End-Hunger.aspx>

- **What a Waste (article)**

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B000346394>

## **Biodiversity & Habitat Preservation**

### **Invasive Species**

- **Invasive species texts set (articles from Newsela)**

<https://newsela.com/text-sets/#/featured?needle=invasive%20species>

- **Why you should care about invasive species - video**

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=INVASIVE+SPECIES+ACTIVIST+VIDEO&view=detail&mid=C5DC46BD1DF8315331EE&FORM=VIRE>

- **“Problem Pets” (article)**

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B000259796>

## **Environmental Issues - Pollution**

- **Alex Lin, Environment, Teen Activist, text**

“Alex Lin, Teenage Activist.” By Salvatore Cordoni. Takepart.com

<http://www.takepart.com/article/2010/04/05/alex-lin-teenage-activist>

This article spotlights a teen who is finding ways to reuse and recycle e-waste (computers and other electronics) as well as lobbying the legislature to pass bills requiring this type of recycling.

- **The Clock is Ticking: Youth and Environmental Activism, Environment, text**

“The Clock is Ticking: Youth and Environmental Activism.” By Joi Officer, Laura Cockman, and Rebekah Taft. What Kids Can Do.Org.

[http://www.whatkidscando.org/featurestories/2009/06\\_clock\\_is\\_ticking/index.html](http://www.whatkidscando.org/featurestories/2009/06_clock_is_ticking/index.html)

This text from takepart.com, explores actions and initiatives being taken by young people to address the growing environmental issues.

## **Environmental Issues - Ocean Pollution**

- **An Ocean of Trash (article)**

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B000307768>

- **If you drop plastic in the ocean where does it end up?**

<https://newsela.com/read/elem-plastic-in-oceans/id/32393>

- **Plastics found in stomachs of deepest sea creatures**

<https://newsela.com/read/elem-plastics-reach-deep-sea/id/37843>

- **Plastic pollution in the ocean affects even the tiniest of creatures**

<https://newsela.com/read/microplastics-expedition/id/21863>

- **Boyan Slat - Ingenious 19-year-old Develops Plan to Clean Up Oceans in 5 Years (article)**

<http://www.readability.com/articles/bkqrcunb>

- **Boyan Slat's TedTalk (video)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROW9F-c0klQ>

- **How does trash get into the ocean**

[https://oceantoday.noaa.gov/trashtalk\\_wheredoesmarinedebriscomefrom/](https://oceantoday.noaa.gov/trashtalk_wheredoesmarinedebriscomefrom/)

## **Endangered Species**

- **"Habitat Conservation" (article)**

<http://marinebio.org/oceans/conservation/habitat-conservation/>

- **Millions of wild animals are becoming "trophies" (article)**

<https://newsela.com/articles/animal-trophies-exported/id/18687/>

- **A Modern Icon and an Ancient People Band Together to Fight Poaching - video**

<http://www.animalplanet.com/tv-shows/saving-africas-giants/videos/a-modern-icon-and-an-ancient-people-band-together-to-fight-poaching/>

## **Invasive Species**

- **Why you should care about invasive species - video**

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=INVASIVE+SPECIES+ACTIVIST+VIDEO&view=detail&mid=C5DC46BD1DF8315331EE&FORM=VIRE>

- **“Alien Invasion” (article)**

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B0000291260>

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**Professor Barbara Nicholson's**

**CCSU Biology Students Conduct Inventory of Clatter Valley's Trees and Shrubs**

<https://www.farmingtonlandtrust.org/clatter-valley-ccsu-plant-study.html>

## **Types of Government**

## **Genetically Modified Foods**

## **Global Warming**

## Teacher Models for Different Topics - To Use with Information Writing Unit

### **Equality In Education**

- **Malala Yousafzai, Girls Education, Teen Activist, text**

“A Heroic Return.” By TIME for Kids. Time for Kids.com. March 20, 2013.

<http://www.timeforkids.com/news/heroic-return/85451>

This article from Time Magazine for Kids, is about Malala’s heroic journey of healing after being shot by the Taliban for advocating for gender equality in education.

- **Supporting Education and Activism on Malala Day, Girls Education, text**

“Supporting Education and Activism on Malala Day.” By Sarah Jackson and Jessie Kirk. Womankind.org.

<https://www.womankind.org.uk/blog/detail/our-blog/2013/07/09/supporting-education-and-activism-on-malala-day>

A web page that describes women and girls from across the world inspired by Malala Yousafzai to carry on the fight for equal educational rights.

- **Information about why countries can’t/don’t provide education for their youth, text**

“10 Barriers to Education Around the World” by James Hitchings-Hales from Global Citizen.org. June 2, 2014.

<https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/10-barriers-to-education-around-the-world-2/>

[https://rw.texthelp.com/simplify/home/simplify?locale=en\\_US&simplify=https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/10-barriers-to-education-around-the-world-2/](https://rw.texthelp.com/simplify/home/simplify?locale=en_US&simplify=https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/10-barriers-to-education-around-the-world-2/)

- **“Malala Yousafzai: The Girls’ Hero.”**

<http://www.glamour.com/inspired/women-of-the-year/2013/malala-yousafzai>

Glamour magazine named Malala their woman of the year and in this article tells her story including background from before she was shot.

- **“Malala Yousafzai Receives Sakharov, Europe’s Biggest Human Rights Prize.”**

<http://www.malala-yousafzai.com/2013/11/malala-gets-sakharov-prize.html>

This brief article reports on Malala’s receipt of this prize.

- **“Learn the Issue: Girls’ Education.”** campaignforusa.org

<http://www.campaignforeducationusa.org/educating-girls-women-in-developing-countries>

This action topic provides some background information on the issue.

- **“Girl Up Teens Make a Difference: Exclusive Interview with Annie Gersh”** by Tabby Biddle.

huffingtonpost.com. January 10, 2012.

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tabby-biddle/girl-up-exclusive-interview\\_b\\_1192945.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tabby-biddle/girl-up-exclusive-interview_b_1192945.html)

This article interviews Annie Gersh, a teenager advisor to Girl Up, an organization that recruits American girls toward empowering young women in developing countries (slightly more difficult text).

- **“Girls Gone Activist! How to Change the World Through Education.”** by schoolgirlsunite.org. May 2009.

<http://youthtoday.org/2009/09/girls-gone-activist-how-to-change-the-world-through-education/>

Review of book written through School Girls Unite by youth as a how-to guide using examples of activist work girls in the organization have done.

• **“The Other Malalas”** by Anna Leach and Sam O’Neill. theguardian.com. December 12, 2013.

<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2013/dec/12/all>

This interactive article interviews twelve young girls around the world about their work advocating for girls education. The best four profiles are:

- The story of a girl activist—Ethiopia
- The story of a girl activist—Rwanda
- The story of a girl activist—Nepal
- The story of a girl activist—Fiji

• **“Malala Yousafzai Speaks Out”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3vK5qVNOWw>

ABC World News special news report on Malala just after she was shot by the Taliban

• **Malala Yousafzai and Jon Stewart - The Daily Show**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjGL6YY6oMs>

## **Refugees**

Shattered Lives (article)

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B000368840>

The Refugee Crisis: No End In Sight (article)

<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/article?urn=urn%3Asirs%3AUS%3BARTICLE%3BART%3B000375107>

Teen Activists work to make things better for Refugees (article)

<http://www.refinery29.com/2016/09/123747/refugee-children-best-friends-united-nations-advocates>

In Discussion with Youth Refugees (25 minute video with UNICEF at UN Summit)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZvnrGQaCoM>