

Global Issues

Global Issues are a key component of your SSST course this year. In order to do well on your oral you must understand how the IB defines a global issue, how to identify them in the works you read and how to compose a clear global issues statement.

The literature guide provides a clear overview of the properties of a global issue as well as the “fields of inquiry” that the IB suggests students use to explore global issues.

Properties of a global issue

A global issue incorporates the following three properties:

- it has significance on a wide or large scale
 - it is transnational
- its impact is felt in everyday, local contexts

Fields of Inquiry

Culture, identity, and community

Politics, power, and justice

Science, technology, and the natural world

Beliefs, values, and education

Art, creativity, and the imagination

The IB also suggests that students consider the UN's sustainable development goals when exploring global issues in their texts.



TASK:

Part 1: Exploring Global Issues through the IB course guide in your mother tongue

- 1) On the class website, find the course guide in your language of study; it is available in all languages studied in this class.
- 2) Read the section of the guide about global issues and fields of inquiry. This can be found in the “internal assessment” section.
- 3) If the guide is not available in your language. You can use google translate to translate the [English version](#) into your own language.

Part 2: Considering Global Issues present in literature you have read and sharing with the class

- 1) Think about a book that you have read in your past English or first language studies or in your free time. The book can be in English or your mother tongue.
- 2) Identify what Field of Inquiry you would associate this Global Issue with.
- 3) Identify and write down 1 or 2 global issues present in the text based on the IB's definition of a global issue
- 4) Create a very short g.slides presentation to share your text and Global Issue with the rest of the class.

We will share our findings in our lesson on Friday, August .