

**Enduring question:**

***How does the natural environment influence international relations?***

1. Explain how negative externalities and the tragedy of the commons can damage the environment.
2. Discuss at least three damaging consequences of climate change.
3. How do you think a country’s carbon emissions should be calculated: by total emissions over all time, or as a current percent of emissions? What nations might prefer one or another?
4. Explain how the lessons learned from international responses to chlorofluorocarbons might contribute to ameliorating contamination of freshwater resources and oil pollution in the ocean. Why do you think the push to ban CFCs seemed so “easy” compared to combating these other challenges?
5. Discuss at least three ways that environmental damage can harm the development of poorer countries.
6. Do you think international or unilateral action is more likely to make significant improvements to the major environmental threats we face today? Why?
7. Why might projects like the Kyoto effort fail? What can the international community do to encourage hesitant states from signing on to these treaties?
8. Can the international community effectively enforce environmental treaties, laws, and protocols? How so?
9. Discuss at least four ways that environmental issues impact international relations. Consider economic concerns and security concerns in your answer.
10. What impact do you think the Paris Agreement might have? What impact might the exit of the US in 2017 have, even though it did eventually rejoin in 2021?