

Global Problems Thematic Essay

Task: Select *two* different global problems and for *each*

- Describe *one* major cause of the global problem
- Discuss *one* effect of the global problem on a specific nation or region

Global Problem: Nuclear Proliferation

- Description of Major Cause of the Problem:
 - Development of destructive nuclear weapons
 - Manhattan Project: US begins development of atomic bomb during WWII.
 - United States utilizes two atomic bombs against the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
 - Massive human casualties and destruction occur, the Japanese surrender.
 - Soviet Union immediately moves to display their nuclear capability as well.
 - Nations throughout the world work toward the development of this powerful weapon.

Global Problem: Nuclear Proliferation

- Description of One Effect of the Global Problem:
 - Massive Destruction and Devastation (Japan)
 - ½ Million Casualties
 - Hiroshima, Nagasaki destroyed
 - Global Tension and Conflict
 - India/Pakistan
 - Iran, North Korea (Weapon Development → UN Sanctions)
 - Collective Security and Diplomacy
 - United Nations (Iran, N. Korea)
 - Atomic Energy Commission

Global Problem: Cash Crop (1 Crop) Economies

- Description of Major Cause of the Problem:
 - European Colonialism
 - Europeans colonized areas of Africa, America and Asia
 - Set up colonial systems of leadership, White Man's Burden
 - Mercantilism
 - Colonies existed to benefit the Mother Country
 - Colonies produce raw materials (Cotton, Tea, Sugar) which are then sent to Europe, put into factories, produced into finished products and sold back to the colonies
 - Lack of Industrialization
 - Colonies never industrialize, they are simply forced to grow whichever cash crop(s) that are most lucrative.
 - Lack of technology/knowledge
 - Colonies do not have agricultural technology or knowledge because all they have been doing is growing one crop for a hundred years.

Global Problem: Cash Crop (1 Crop) Economies

- Description of One Effect of the Global Problem:
 - Famine/Starvation (India)
 - Rapidly growing population/Scarcity of Resources
 - Inability to produce enough food for population
 - Lack of environmental controls (inadequate irrigation/no flood control)
 - Lack of Revenue
 - Cash crops are only source of revenue
 - No industry, No capital for investment
 - Majority live in poverty
 - Weak/Unstable Economies
 - Economy is totally DEPENDENT
 - Heavy outside influence and investment brings money out of country