LOOKING AT OUR WORLD



Subject:

Global connections, society, sustainable development

Time:

30 minutes

Grades:

7-12

This activity was created in partnership with Aga Khan Foundation Canada and is the first in a series of five that explore the topic of global citizenship through a geographic lens.

What to know before getting started:

This activity will help stimulate thinking about global connections, the commonalities we share and some of the major challenges facing the world today. Explore the various ways in which your life is connected to other parts of the globe and come to understand that we have shared responsibilities to our planet's welfare.

Materials you will need:

- An electronic device with internet access and sound
- The video *Home* (accessible here)
- A notebook and writing utensils

Activity time!

Watch the video *Home* which introduces the concept of Earth as our shared home. After watching the video, consider the following questions. Consider discussing them with a teacher, a friend or a parent during a class or around the kitchen table at home.

- **1.** Choose one word to describe your reaction to the video. (Teachers, determine the most common responses and discuss.)
- 2. What do you consider to be the main message? Do you think it is a widely held view?
- **3.** What are some examples that demonstrate how people around the world are closely linked? In challenging times, some examples may be more obvious than others, so try and think of examples from different global scenarios.
- **4.** What do you think are the benefits and challenges of a more closely connected world?

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What did you learn by completing this activity? Do you have any questions? Did you take any photos you would like to share with others? Tag @CanGeoEdu and @AKFCanada on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and let us know using the hashtag #OnlineClassroom!

Interesting extras:

- For more activities and resources on this topic, start on page five of Aga Khan Foundation Canada's online lesson plan: Inspiring Global Citizens - An educator's guide.
- Aga Khan Foundation Canada helps parents and educators learn more about global citizenship. Check out their website for more resources, and subscribe to their newsletter for monthly activities and lesson plans on global citizenship.