

Global Issues: Definitions and Key Questions

Look up the meaning of these words and write your own definitions. Follow your interests and reputable sources to learn more about global issues.

common good: something done for the benefit of all or in the interests of the majority

common ground: the shared interests or opinions of people or nations

global: related to the whole world

inequality: an imbalance in the rights and opportunities available to people or groups

justice: equal treatment; a concern and genuine respect and equality for all

liberty: a state of freedom in society, free from oppressive restrictions imposed onto one's life

nation: a large body of people united by common history, culture, or inhabiting a country

sustainable: able to be maintained or defended at a certain level or over time

systemic: relating to a set of things working together, an organized framework

universal: affecting all or done by all people or things in the world

Key Questions

1. What are some things we all have in common in the country? In the world?
2. How can we make change happen when habits have made things the way they are?
3. Be aware of power dynamics. What types of power do you notice around you? Do people act differently around others who have more or less power?
4. What are the issues you care about that affect people universally around the world? What would you like to learn more about?
5. What issues have you noticed in your school, neighborhood, state, or country? What efforts have you seen to make the issue better?

