

Writing a Conscientious Essay or Speech



The next time one of your teachers asks you to write a paper or to give a speech, consider using an issue related to population or the environment as a focus.

- Energy
- The World's Women
- Climate Change
- Water Use
- Agriculture
- Wildlife
- Poverty
- Pollution

Your local school or library is full of information on these topics, and librarians are excellent sources for ideas and places to find information. In addition to encyclopedias and almanacs, atlases have good maps of the environment. You may also want to do your own research online. The following search engines and websites are a great place to start:

- scholar.google.com
- pewresearch.org
- worldbank.org
- census.gov
- unfpa.org
- prb.org

In addition to using facts provided by this kit and other sources, you may wish to speak with people of different age groups who have lived in your area to get their perspective on how life has grown and changed around them. Consider interviewing individuals at a local retirement home for an oral history of your community.