



# Earth Matters

Studies for Our Global Future  
2nd Edition



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### SUBJECTS

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Economics  
Health  
Language Arts  
Mathematics  
Science  
Social Studies

The thirty-four activities in this collection are organized into thirteen chapters, each focused on a different environmental topic or issue. The topics addressed include population dynamics, hunger, deforestation, poverty, the status of women, natural resources, and wildlife endangerment. Each chapter begins with 3-4 pages of reference background reading for students, which lay out the main themes of the exercises.

The activities themselves range from chart and graph-reading exercises to board games, debates, and basic science experiments. The teacher's guide, at the front of the book, provides a table of activities arranged by subject matter, summaries of the activities with skills listed, and a chart matching the activities to national standards for various subject areas. The final section of the book includes recommended resources and information on accessing other publications by Zero Population Growth.

<b>Grade Level</b>	9-12
<b>Length</b>	210 pages
<b>Date Published</b>	1998

**THE** BOTTOM  
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"Provides extensive information on how humans are impacting global ecosystems."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Student readings are well-referenced. Reviewed by many experts and educators.	Tends to present a specific point of view.
	Depth	Provides opportunities to increase awareness. Concepts are presented within both social science and natural science frameworks.	Focuses more on global than regional or local scales. No clear conceptual framework.
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Includes opportunities for collecting and organizing information, drawing conclusions, and addressing issues.	Few opportunities for students to develop hypotheses. Little emphasis on developing action skills.
	Action Orientation	Encourages students to look at issues in their own communities and to reflect on their own choices.	
	Instructional Soundness	Clearly states goals, objectives, methods and materials. Resource addresses a variety of learning styles.	Lacks assessment and evaluation methods.
	Usability	Includes resources for further research. Material can be easily photocopied. Activities linked to selected national standards.	

"Other than one expert reviewer, none appeared to be representing groups with alternative positions."

"A lot of thought and testing appears to have gone into putting together this resource."