

Exploring Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 12: Internationalism and Global Issues

This chapter investigates contemporary global issues such as climate change, the spread of disease, as well as access to water and control over water. Internationalism has been used to address contemporary global issues; for example, in 2000 the United Nations established eight international targets, or millennium goals, to be achieved by 2015.

Chapter Issue: *To what extent can internationalism effectively address contemporary global issues?*

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- That people are more connected than ever before and that this has fostered an awareness in global issues;
- That poverty continues to be a widespread issue; more than a billion are deprived of basic human needs; and,
- That the UN established eight international targets, or millennium goals, to be achieved by 2015.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. What are some contemporary global issues? (*climate change, the spread of disease, access to water, control over water*)
2. How internationalism has been used to address contemporary global issues. (*internationalism and poverty, hunger, disease, debt, climate change, human rights, and conflict*)
3. Is internationalism always the most effective way of addressing contemporary global issues? (*international trade, internationalism and nation-states*)

You will apply these skills to your understanding of internationalism and global issues:

1. **Review** your journal entries to record whether an internationalist approach is required to avoid conflict over water.
2. **View** a global map to see the world ocean currents and their impact on climate change.
3. **Explain** the meaning of *cycle of poverty* in your own words.
4. **Examine** a graph of the ecological footprint of selected countries.
5. **Identify** one action you could take to reduce global climate change.
6. **Create** a rating system for international efforts to combat contemporary issues.
7. **Communicate** effectively to express a point of view by organizing a chart of presentation do's and don'ts.
8. **Discuss:** If the United Nations did not exist, people would have to invent it.
9. **Research** the relationship between development of the Alberta oil sands and global climate change.