

Essay and Discussion Questions

Global Health High School Questions

Help students understand the threats and challenges to global health through these essay and discussion questions.

Introduction

1. Why is the world healthier than it ever has been before?
2. What is a noncommunicable disease? Why are noncommunicable diseases a bigger problem now than they have been in the past? What factors affect how prevalent noncommunicable diseases are in a country?
3. Why is universal health care an important goal for improving health?
4. Why is having the majority of global health funding come from the “two Washingtons” (the U.S. government and the Gates Foundation) potentially problematic?
5. How is tackling the problem of noncommunicable diseases different from addressing infectious diseases?
6. Is it possible to strengthen the World Health Organization to help it better respond to future health crises?

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6. Which factor or factors do you think was most important in attracting attention and resources to the AIDS crisis?
7. How well prepared for a major disease outbreak is the world? In what ways could preparedness be improved?