

Opportunities for Extended Learning in Year 5

English

Descriptive Writing: Write a letter from the perspective of a person living in a city that is experiencing rapid population growth. How do they feel about the changes around them?

Create a Comic Strip: Design a comic strip about a family who moves from a rural area to a busy city. How do they adjust to the new environment and changes in population?

Poetry: Write a poem about how population growth affects the world, using imagery and emotions to convey the impact on both people and nature.

Geography/History

Create a world map showing the population distribution in different countries. Highlight countries with the highest and lowest populations.

Research how population has changed over the last 100 years in your local area. What factors might have contributed to these changes?

Timeline Project: Create a timeline of major events that have impacted population growth globally (e.g. Industrial Revolution, Medical advancements, Migration patterns).

Creative Arts

Model Making: Design or create a model of a city/village showing how the population density can vary across different areas (rural vs urban).

Population and Environment: Create a piece of art that represents how population growth can affect the environment (pollution, deforestation, urban sprawl). Use materials like recycled items or natural objects to make your artwork.

Portraits of Diversity: Draw or paint portraits of people from different countries to reflect the diversity of global populations. You could include things like traditional clothing or architecture from those countries.

Wellbeing

Keep a gratitude journal: Write 3 things in it each day that you are grateful for.

Calming Creative Activity: Draw or paint a picture of a peaceful place that could help people feel relaxed and calm.

Notice your emotions: At the end of the day, draw the different emotions you felt. Write about how you moved between them (e.g. from worried to excited)

Reading

Book Review: Choose a book you've recently read and write a review. Describe the characters, the setting, the plot, and your favourite part. Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not?

Create a "book trailer" (a short video or presentation) to encourage others to read it.

Extras

Population Statistics: Look at the population data of different countries. Can you create bar graphs or pie charts comparing the populations? What trends can you see?

Habitat Study: Create a model or draw diagrams of different habitats (e.g., forests, oceans, cities) and how they are affected by human population growth.