

CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

THE WORLD REACHES 8 BILLION PEOPLE

Vocabulary

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

- 1. **Population** (n.) all the inhabitants of a particular town, area, or country.
- 2. **Demographic** (n.) Information about the characteristics (age, gender, income, etc.) of a particular group of people
- 3. **Earth Overshoot Day** (n.) The illustrative date that marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year.
- 4. **Projection** (n.) An estimate or forecast of a future situation or trend based on a study of present ones
- 5. **Birth rate** (n.) The number of live births per thousand of population per year.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- ➤ How do experts and data scientist determine the world population?
- ➤ How do birth and death rates impact world population trends?
- ➤ What factors have contributed to the steep incline in population growth over the last century?
- > How have global population trends played a role in geopolitical events in recent history?
- > What can be learned from understanding where population growth is happening?
- ➤ In your opinion, is the global population reaching 8 billion an issue to be dealt with or a matter of fact. Explain
- ➤ In your opinion, will the global trends of population growth continue or will the world begin to see a steep decline? Explain.