***Discussion Questions***

1. One minute writing: What is geography? How is it important to our studies of the world and interactions between humans?
2. Explain the four ways that humans contribute to environmental degradation. Which one do you think is the most critical to solve, and why?
3. Debate: Rapid population growth and economic development has led to an increase in the demand and use of nonrenewable energy sources, such as oil and coal. The supply of such energy sources is limited, and use of them has negative environmental consequences. One alternative has been the development of nuclear energy. Should countries invest in nuclear energy, or should they find other renewable energy sources? Why or why not?
4. Group writing: Describe an example of the tragedy of the commons.
   1. What is the tragedy?
   2. Who is involved?
   3. How do some people involved benefit, and how are other people involved harmed?
   4. What are the affects on the environment?
   5. How can this tragedy be solved?