

Student Worksheet 4.5

Activity 4.5 Our Common Global Future(s)?

As a written homework assignment, write a deliberative essay (5-10 pages long) on one of the topics listed below. You might want to review many of the readings you have looked at throughout the module, as well as your notes from class discussions and class activities.

(1) As the global economy spreads, will the world necessarily homogenize (westernize)? What alternatives are available to communities to sustain themselves in the face of globalization? In addition to drawing from examples on local communities discussed in the previous units, you may use other examples of which you are aware.

(2) Use a futures text of your choice (science fiction story, scientific projections, one of the suggested readings, etc.) and critically discuss that vision of the future. Envision a community of your choice (local, national, or global) in 50 to 100 years and assess the implications of this fictional or scientific projection for that community.

