| **MS Summative Assessment Task Sheet** |  |
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| **Grade: 8**  **Unit Title: Unnatural Disasters  Formative Due date: Feb 20 (AB) Feb 27 (CD)**  **Summative Due date: Mar 1 (AB) Mar 7 (CD)** | **Summative Assessment Title:**  **Unnatural Disasters Socratic Seminar** |
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| **Task Description and Relationship to Statement of Inquiry:** | |
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| **Goal:** You have been asked to evaluate the natural and unnatural causes of two disasters.  **Role:** You are a member of the United Nations Development Programme.  **Audience:** G8 students.  **Scenario:** You must argue, what percentage you believe the disaster is natural or unnatural and why, rank in order of significance the main causes of the disaster, and what potential solutions could work (or could have worked if evaluating a historical case study).  **Performance:** Socratic Seminar.  **Relationship to Statement of Inquiry:** The Statement of Inquiry, "Human choices to develop natural landscapes and resources are frequently unsustainable," connects directly to the task by encouraging students to critically analyse how human actions contribute to and exacerbate natural disasters and how the label of 'natural' can be a convenient scapegoat for governments attempting to avoid blame. By ranking the causes in order of significance, they will explore how unsustainable development, resource exploitation, and environmental mismanagement often intersect with natural phenomena to create catastrophic outcomes. Additionally, proposing solutions or preventive measures encourages students to think about how more sustainable practices could mitigate or prevent such disasters in the future, demonstrating the real-world implications of the interplay between human choices and environmental sustainability.  **Instructions for students:** We will support you during each lesson on how to formulate your arguments and how to properly follow a Socratic Seminar Procedure procedure. On the assignment on Toddle, you will see the Responsive Language Bingo Card and a digital copy of the Graphic Organiser which you will use to handwrite your research.  **For the first Socratic Seminar on Wed Feb 26 (AB) or Mon Mar 3 (CD), you will choose either:** Option 1A: [Dubai Floods of 2024](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMG6iUFEYhE) *or* Option 1B: [Ethiopian Famine of 1984](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hltKrT_5q08&rco=1&ab_channel=AfroMarxist).  **For the second Socratic Seminar on Thu Feb 27 (AB) or Thu Mar 6 (CD), you will choose either:** Option 2A: [Drying of the Nile since 1956](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKCW5Gg6Ffo&ab_channel=TerraMater) *or* Option 2B: [Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3x1aLAw_xkY&ab_channel=CambridgeUniversity) | |

| **Criteria & Strands:** | |
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