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What is Agenda 21?

List three ways Canadians can use our fresh water sources in sustainable ways. What were the goals of Agenda 21?

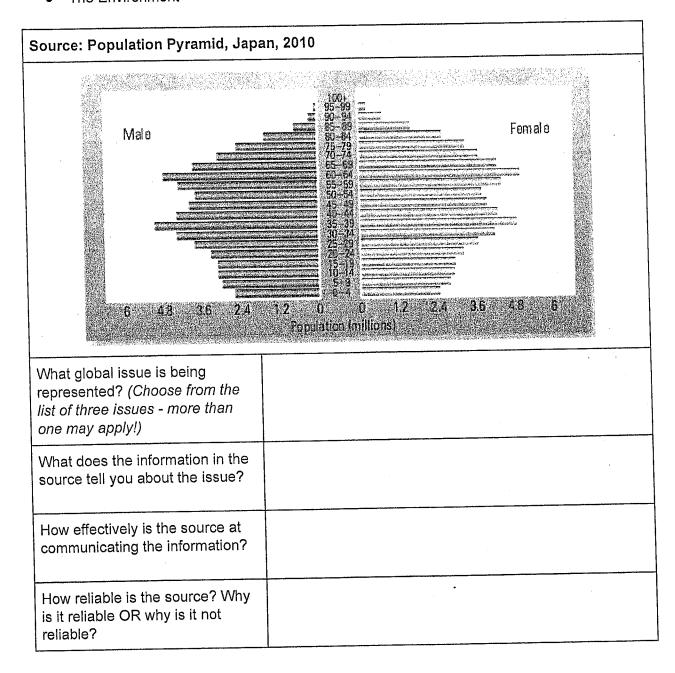
Source Analysis

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For each of the following sources (charts, maps, cartoons, images, etc.), complete the questions in the table.

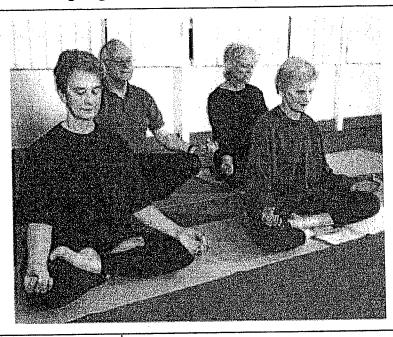
Global Issues (choose from this list for the first question about each source):

- Population Trends
- Living Standards
- The Environment



Source: Distribution of the World's Poor Desperately poor Very poor Relatively nanpoor O Insufficient data O Industrial nations What global issue is being represented? (Choose from the list of three issues - more than one may apply!) What does the information in the source tell you about the issue? How effectively is the source at communicating the information? How reliable is the source? Why is it reliable OR why is it not reliable?

Source: Seniors Practising Yoga and Meditation



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Source: Cartoon by a Swiss artist on the subject of climate change What global issue is being represented? (Choose from the list of three issues - more than one may apply!) What does the information in the source tell you about the issue? How effectively is the source at communicating the information? How reliable is the source? Why is it reliable OR why is it not reliable?

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Read the following quotes and answer the questions below.

"We're in a giant car heading towards a brick wall and everyone's arguing over where they're going to sit."

"Our personal consumer choices have ecological, social, and spiritual consequences. It is time to re-examine some of our deeply held notions that underlie our lifestyles."

David Suzuki

What is the brick wall (the consequences)	
What roles do governments have in addre	
What roles can individuals have in diverti	ing this "giant car"?
What are some challenges to these solu	utions?

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This statement was issued by British and U.S. scientists in 1997:

It has often been assumed that population growth is the dominant problem we face. But what matters is not only the... number of people... but also how... much natural resource they utilize, and how much pollution and waste they generate. We must tackle [the problems of] population and consumption together.

a.	What is the problem of consumption? How would you solve this problem on a personal level?
b.	Why is it difficult to solve the problem of consumption?
c.	Do you agree with the scientists' statement? Explain your answer.
d.	Could sustainable development successfully deal with the environmental problems caused by growing populations and consumption? Explain.