Examining Natural Resources

Pre-Class Warm-Up

What is a natural resource?

 What is currently the most important natural resource?

Defining Resources

- Natural Resource:
 Things that humans use that grow naturally or can be found across the earth's surface
- Renewable resources
 are any natural
 resources that can be
 re-grown or replenished
 within one human life
 time
 - Non-renewable
 resources can not be regrown or replenished
 within one lifespan

What are some examples?

Renewable

Non-Renewable

Activity 7.4

Type of Resource	Uses	Potential Negatives
Building Stones		
Minerals		
Metals		
Fossil Fuels		

Issues in Resources: Environmental Changes

 The landscape can be permanently scarred, or habitats can be destroyed by the collection of resources



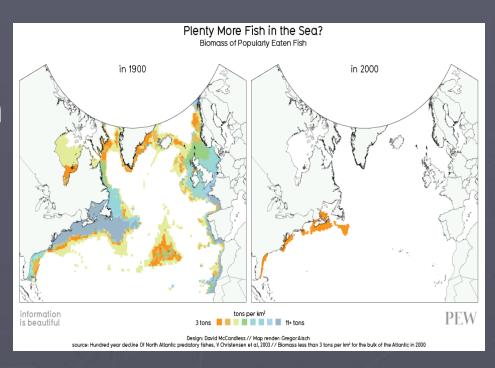
Issues in Resources: Deforestation

- The use of forests for firewood, building materials, or farm land is leading to large losses of forests
 - Loss of trees are speeding up process of Global Warming



Issues in Resources: Over Fishing

 Humans are taking fish out of the seas faster than they can be replaced leading to severe drops in numbers of available fish



Poaching

 The illegal killing of animals for their parts is leading to many types of animals being pushed to extinction





Desertification

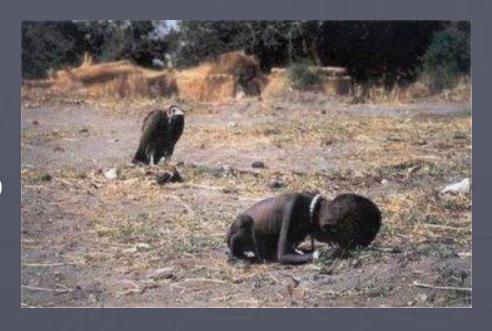
 Over farming is leading to the loss of topsoil which leads to the land becoming unproductive, and eventually a desert if not dealt with





World Hunger

 Regions of the world have less access to food leading to large amounts of the world's population to suffer from malnourishment or starvation



Homework

- Activity 7.5
- Activity 7.6