

## Society, Culture and the World

- Should governments make laws to protect people from hurting themselves? Think about following issues: smoking regulations, car seatbelts regulations, mandatory insurance etc.
- What are the major threats in our world?
  - Which one are you afraid of the most and why?
  - What can be done to prevent them from happening?
- What is the most uplifting thing happening in the world right now? What is the most tragic thing?
- How important are morals in a healthy society? What are the most important morals for citizens to have?
- In the distant past, a person's life was very similar to their grandparents' and grandchildren's lives. How has the rapid pace of technological advancement changed society?
- What is a miracle that happens every day?
- How important is freedom of the press to a healthy society?
- What are the most important factors in maintaining a well-functioning society? What does it mean for a society to function well?
- Should the government be involved in making laws to regulate moral behavior? If so, to what extent?
- Is it a good idea for the masses to directly govern themselves or is governance something better left to professional politicians?
- What is the purpose of religion in society?
- What is the purpose of art in society?
- Do people have an obligation to help others?
- What does honor mean to you? How important is it to you? Does your culture value honor? What exemplifies honor in your culture?
- Can people with vastly different cultural backgrounds live together peacefully? How?
- Should people be afraid of terrorist?
- What would be different if the 9/11 terrorist attack never occurred?
- What would a perfect city be like?
- What is your view of ideal world?
- What are the first steps to world peace?
- Is it important to think about peace?
- What causes countries to engage in a war?
- What cause would you fight/die for?
- Do you think it is morally wrong to kill?
- How could people resolve conflicts instead of through war?
- What do you understand by the phrase "might is right"?
- Can you think of a war that you believe was justified?
- What is a hero?

### Immigration

- Why do people immigrate to other countries?
- Is immigration from one country to another a problem? In what ways do you see it as a problem?
- Do you know any immigrants?
- Do you think that immigrants are treated well in in most countries?
- Do you think there is a relation between immigration and crime?
- Should any government limit the number of immigrants entering the country? What would be a good number?
- Is local culture threatened by immigration?

- How far should immigrants retain their culture?
- Should immigrants have the same rights as native citizens?
- Is there a difference between political and economic immigration?
- Should immigrants have the right to vote? In which elections?
- What should be done with the illegal immigrants entering a country?
- Should the country of origin of illegal immigrants be held responsible?
- Do immigrants have a good or bad reputation in your part of the country?
- Should students be allowed to wear clothes with cultural or religious symbolism at school?
- Do you think immigrants are treated with more suspicion now than they were a year ago?
- Do you know anyone that is married to an immigrant?
- Do you know any people who have emigrated from your country?
- Would you ever think of emigrating?
- Why would you think of emigrating?
- What would be some of the issues that would concern you about emigrating?
- Are there a lot of immigrants in your community?
- Do immigrants in your community isolate themselves into a certain area?
- Should immigrants be required to learn the local language?
- How would you help an immigrant learn the local language?
- How would you encourage children of immigrants to become bilingual by maintaining the original language and becoming fluent in the local language?
- Should immigrants be educated in their original language or the local language?
- To what extent should official documents be written in several languages to accommodate immigrants?
- Are immigration regulations too strict? In what way should they be changed?
- How long should immigrants be required to live in the new country before they can become naturalized?
- What should be the requirements for naturalization?
- How does an immigrant become a citizen in your country?
- How does immigration affect the economic situation in your community?
- To what extent has the culture of your community become richer by immigrants?
- How is your community incorporating immigrants into the life of the community?
- How would you define the word "home"?
- Should employers who employ illegal immigrants be penalized?
- Should illegal immigrants be deported?