

First post: This is worth 9 points and is **due by midnight on Jun 11** (Friday).

Here are the items you need to read in order to post:

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2018/mar/22/collapse-civilisation-near-certain-decades-population-bomb-paul-ehrlich>

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/innovation/book-incited-worldwide-fear-overpopulation-180967499/>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-53409521>

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/7848209/> (Just read the first paragraph)

<https://www.screenslate.com/articles/blood-condor> (Reminder: This is fiction!)

Here are the discussion questions you need to address in your first post:

1. None of Paul Ehrlich's predictions came in true (at least for the time span when he predicted them). Do you believe his raising awareness of overpopulation was helpful or did he do more harm than good? Justify your answer.
2. Government institutions in both China and India have engaged in [coercive sterilization campaigns](#) in the recent past, and the anti-fertility vaccine developed by the WHO raises concerns that this vaccine would be given to vulnerable populations without their consent. What can be done to prevent the anti-fertility vaccine from being misused?
3. Why is population decline a problem for Japan? How would you mitigate problems caused by population decline without growing the population?

Second Post: This post is worth 3 points and is **due on by midnight on Jun 13** (Sunday).

Respond to a classmate using the suggested format for responding (Pick only one of these):

1) I like how because.....

or

2) I agree/disagree with.....because....

or

3) This relates to.....because.....