

SIMULATION DU CONSEIL DE L'ARCTIQUE (PROPOSITION #1)

Niveau : Terminale

Thème 1 : The Arctic Ocean : appropriation, protection and freedom of circulation (global and regional scale)

What geopolitical and economic issues arise in the Arctic Ocean ?

What strategies are the actors deploying to exploit and protect the Arctic Ocean ?

Objectifs :

Notions : Global warming, constraints, natural resources, Cold Rush, new sea routes, EEZ, bordering states, Arctic Council, TNC, NGO, Natives, Indigenous tribes, social issues, ecological issues, sustainable development

Objectifs de compétences en DNL Histoire géo	Objectifs langagiers en anglais
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Employer les notions et le lexique acquis en géographie à bon escient ;- Connaître et identifier les ressources pertinentes en géographie ;- Avoir une écoute attentive et critique ;- Développer une pensée personnelle et argumentée ;- Sélectionner des informations pertinentes par rapport au thème de la recherche ;- Produire un oral construit et argumenté ;- Utiliser le numérique pour produire une présentation en anglais ;	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- S'exprimer en continu : niv B2 : produire un discours argumenté, informé et exprimer un point de vue pertinent par rapport à la dimension culturelle des documents ;- Prendre part à une conversation : niv B2 : argumenter, chercher à convaincre, réagir avec vivacité et pertinence ;- Intelligibilité/recevabilité linguistique : B2 : s'exprimer dans une langue correcte, fluide, qui s'approche de l'authenticité ;

ACTIVITES

A - Recherche par groupes de 2 ou 3 et production d'un support numérique

The Arctic is the area within the Arctic Circle, a line of latitude about 66.5° north of the Equator.

1) The Arctic, a particular area

- a. Constraints and vulnerable ecosystem
- b. The Arctic Council, a specific governance
- c. Which borders ?

2) The Arctic, a highly strategic area

- a. A militarized area: the example of Russia
- b. Many natural resources
- c. New sea routes

3) The Arctic, an area to protect and preserve

- a. The impact of global warming and pollution

- b. Tourism, a chance or a curse?
- c. How to preserve arctic ecosystem?

B - Conflict and geopolitical issues in the Arctic

Choose one suggested character and use the different resources to prepare for a role play/debate in a meeting at the Arctic Council

Canadian politician

Issues to think about:

- Defence of national sovereignty
- Fishing, tax, shipping and smuggling laws
- Cost of mandatory 'ice-breaker' ships

Managing Director of Russian oil company

Issues to think about:

- Potential for collaboration with other national oil firms
- Cost of exploration for oil

Russian politician

Issues to think about:

- Economic impact
- Potential for exploitation of natural resources – nickel, iron ore, phosphate, copper, cobalt main market is China
- Cost of mandatory 'ice-breaker' ships

Norwegian cruise company

Issues to think about:

- Potential for tourism
- Consider the Search and Rescue capability of the area being visited
- The infrastructure of the area and the possibility of evacuating a boat safely and quickly

US shipping company

Issues to think about:

- Possibility for new shipping routes (Trans-arctic)
- Impact on transit time and fuel costs
- Increased access to regional resources
- Development in localised shipping for resource extraction and tourism
- Any environmental impacts

Indigenous community representative

Issues to think about:

- Thawing permafrost impact on infrastructure (buildings, roads and pipelines) in Alaska and Siberia
- Opportunities with industries such as mining, ship building
- Impact on fishing
- Social and economic changes
- How important is it to maintain a traditional way of life
- Will your community still be able to hunt whales and seals
- How can communities work alongside large business?

Environmental organization

Issues to think about:

- Environmental impacts
- Global warming – good for Greenland?

EVALUATION

Sont évalués :

- Le travail de présentation (recherches, problématisation, structure et support numérique)
- La présentation orale par groupe s'appuyant sur un support numérique (oral préparé à l'avance) ;
- La participation orale dans le débat (collectif) au sein de l'agence de conseil (oral spontané) ;

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