

## Day 4: Homework Review and Sustainability Discussion

Students meet in teams based on their common homework article assignment. Teams should share their answers from the homework worksheet. Have them compare and contrast their answers and share any interesting observations or opinions from their article with the entire class.

We recommend that the teacher understands sustainability terms and misunderstandings before leading a discussion on that subject with the class -- since there are a variety of definitions. [According to wikipedia, sustainability has many terms.](#) Here are 4 simple ideas on sustainability that are addressed in this lesson:

- Made from renewable/biological resources
- Requires little energy to make
- Produces little waste when it is made
- Recyclable/biodegradable

After the homework review discussion, you will want to transition from that discussion to a conversation about the meaning of the word “sustainability”. Tell students that while the articles they read were based on serious global issues and problems, those articles do provide exposure to living a sustainable life, which makes for a sustainable community. Ask them what they think the word “sustainability” means.

Have teams discuss their own understanding of what the word “sustainability” means. Note that marketing groups can take this word and misuse it. Therefore, it’s important for the students to understand that this word can be hijacked by companies trying to sell products.

Once teams have had their discussions and arrived at their own definition of “sustainability”, have them share their definition with the entire class. Then ask what the commonality is in each team’s definition. What is similar and what is different? By the end of this exercise, it would be good if the class could have a shared understanding of the word “sustainability.”

Once you feel that all students have reached a good understanding of the meaning of “sustainability,” you will want to present the general idea of the project they will be working on, Let them know that through this project they will be making a positive impact on their community and that they will be learning more about this project in the coming days!