



Guided Research Worksheet

You are to undertake research to answer the below overarching research question. You may choose an issue that is present only within Australia, another country or something that impacts us globally. You may put your research into this online scaffold or your workbook.

Overarching Research Question

What is the impact of [insert your chosen research issue] on our common home?

The Issue: What is the issue you have chosen to research and which Laudato Si' focus area does it fall into? Make sure to have a read about the different focus areas located within the Laudato Si' encyclical to help you decide.

See: What is happening to people? Who is most affected by this issue? Who are the decision makers? How does this issue affect all of creation?

Judge: Which Gospel values being upheld or denied? What does the Bible say about the issue?
What does the Church have to say about it? Encyclicals/Bishop's statements etc?

Break It Down: What are some smaller questions you need to ask before you can answer the overarching research question?

The Source: Where can you go to find answers to the above questions?



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Research time

Locate the answers to these smaller questions.

The Facts: What are some interesting facts and statistics that you have found that highlight the seriousness of the issue?

The Problem: What are the main causes of the issue?

The Solution: What is being done, or can be done, to prevent the issue?



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Respond to the Overarching Question

What is the impact of (your chosen research issue) on our common home?