

Year 8

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Title: Who are the stakeholders in the Three Gorges Dam?

A stakeholder is a group that is affected by the Three Gorges Dam.

The following are examples of stakeholders: Chinese government, banks, environment, industries (factories) and local people.

Task 1: Read through the circles and work out which problems affect which stakeholder.

Chinese Government: The government that makes decision for the people	Local Residents: People that live in the area around the location of the 3GD	Banks: The companies that fund /pay for the building of the 3GD	Industry/Jobs: The businesses that build and construct things.	Environment: The plants and animals that are affected by 3GD.
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Cracks are appearing in the dam as it has been poorly built. This will mean work for repairs.

The dam is supposed to have cost 26.5 Billion US Dollars to build. Rumours say it was 3 times that.

20,000 residents couldn't afford where they were moved to and had to move again.

Chinese government state over 100 workers died during the construction of the 3GD

The reservoir flooded mines, dumps and other toxic sites. This is then in the water supply.

The flooded gorge has lost many historic buildings and artefacts that have been swallowed up.

1.24 million people have had to be relocated. Many were promised money to move, some did not get it.

Many factories were flooded which meant businesses had to move and people may have lost jobs

Endangered species such as the Yangtze river dolphin may become extinct

The issues of creating a project like the Three Gorges Dam is that stakeholders do not always agree with one another. For example, local people will not agree with the Government as they do not want to move away to make way for the dam.

Task 2: Fill in the table to show why some stakeholders do not agree with each other:

Stakeholder 1	Stakeholder 2	Explain why they do not agree or... why they do agree!
Local residents	Government	They do not agree with each other because they do not want to move away to make way for the dam that has been planned by the government.
Banks	Government	They will agree because...
Industry	Environmental groups	They will not agree because...
Your own choices:	Your own choices:	

Task 3: Imagine you are a local resident and you have had to move because of the dam. Create a letter to send to the government to share the impacts you have experienced.

Continue your answer on the back -

Dear Xi Jinping (Chinese President)

I am a local resident that has had to move due to the Three Gorges Dam and I am writing to you today to share the impacts that I have experienced. To start _____
