



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

### Health Topic Worksheet

You can provide a copy of [List of Sources](#) to each student for his or her research and information gathering. The list can also be expanded with the help of your school media specialist and/or librarian as well as include a couple of sample bibliographic formats.

**Assigned Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Scientific information about the health issue:

1. What is the health issue that the country is facing?
2. What are its symptoms and mode of transmission?
3. Are there treatments or cures for it? If yes, provide examples.
4. Is it preventable? If yes, how? If no, why not?
5. Whom does it affect? Does it affect a specific group of people? If yes, describe the group.

**Other factors causing the health issue:** Help students evaluate how some of the country data may relate to the cause of the health issues. For example, for the topic of malaria or diarrheal disease, the environmental cause may be the tropical climate where the mosquitoes that transmit the malaria parasite flourish, or the lack of sanitation facilities resulting in the spread of cholera.

1. Are there any environmental factors? Explain.
2. Does an economic situation affect the health issue? Explain.
3. Are some social or cultural elements causes of the health issue? Explain.

#### Solutions and Organizations:

1. What are some solutions that the country has used to solve the health issue?
2. Who are the people or organizations trying to solve the health issues? How?
3. Do you think the solution is successful and long-lasting? Explain. Help students connect the various data they have gathered in evaluating the solutions for the health issue. For example, is the solution to provide medicine or to train people in the community to become health workers? The former may discontinue if funding runs out, while the latter provides job opportunities and people who can tackle health problems in the future as well.

