Climate Change Collection Scorecard

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Name of resource: BBC News Planet Under Pressure
Sponsoring Organization: BBC
URL: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/in_depth/sci_tech/2004/planet/default.stm
Site Homepage: http://news.bbc.co.uk
RESOURCE WITHIN A SITE? Y / N
FOUND THROUGH DLESE? Y / N
IF SO, WHICH COLLECTIONS?

RECOMMENDATION
YES YES WITH RESERVATIONS NO
STARS 1 2 3 4 5 (LAME TO STELLAR)

NARRATIVE
News articles and quizzes focusing on climate change impacts.

INTENDED USE
X REFERENCE
X COMPUTER ACTIVITY
NON-COMPUTER ACTIVITY

EDUCATOR OR LEARNER OR BOTH IF FOR LEARNER, EVIDENCE ITS BEEN TESTED? Y / N
BEGINNER OR ADVANCED OR BOTH

Easily Printed? Y / N

BUGS & TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES (PROBLEMATIC TO ROBUST)
1 2 3 4
COMMENTS: No problems.

SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY (NATIONAL ENQUIRER TO NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC)
1 2 3 4
EVIDENCE IT HAS BEEN REVIEWED FOR ACCURACY? Y / N
COMMENTS: Looks good for the most part. I think it is irresponsible to include statements in the “Viewpoints” section such as “Global warming alarmism is an implausible theory for which there is remarkably little scientific evidence.”. I know that journalists are taught to report all sides and opinions on a story, but they wouldn’t pay serious attention to someone who says the earth is flat, would they?

PEDAGOGICAL INFORMATION
X REFERENCE ONLY
TEACHER GUIDE
MATERIALS LIST
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES
TIMEFRAME PROVIDED
STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

PROMOTES STUDENT LEARNING (WEAK TO STRONG)
1 2 3 4
COMMENTS: Real-life examples of climate change impacts. Interactive quizzes.

APPROPRIATE/EFFECTIVE MULTIMEDIA DESIGN (WEAK TO STRONG)
1 2 3 4
COMMENTS: Fine.

VISUAL APPEAL (WEAK TO STRONG)
1 2 3 4
COMMENTS: The webpage is busy and somewhat overwhelming. Nice photos, though.

TEACHING TIPS: Quizzes could be a useful activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEVELOPER: Don’t report opinions in the “Viewpoints” section that are obviously wrong. Greenhouse warming is plausible and there is scientific evidence for it.