**World in the Balance**  **Viewing Guide**  Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Viewing Questions:**

1. What is a population pyramid/age-structure graph and what can we learn by looking at them?

2. What are three factors that affect birth and/or death rates? Will they increase or decrease?

a.

b.

c.

**Viewing Questions:** Please answer the following questions while viewing the film.

**I. India**

1. Who is in control of the fertility rate in India? Give a specific example from the film of why this can be a problem.
2. Describe the age structure of India.
3. How are daughters seen (in terms of economics) in India? Why?
4. What is “Bride Burning” and what are some reasons why it occurs?
5. How many fewer women than men are in India? What is the reason for this difference?
6. What can be done to increase the status of women in India?
7. What can be the results of overpopulation? Be specific.

**II. Japan**

1. What is a “parasite single” and how do they have an impact on the population size?
2. How does the economy have an effect on the number of children people have?
3. How does the changing population affect the elderly?
4. Describe the population pyramid of Japan.

**III. America**

1. How much will an American child pollute and consume in his/her lifetime?
2. How will the “Baby Boomers” affect the population of the country?
3. What is “Global Aging”?

**IV. Sub-Saharan Africa**

1. How does AIDS affect population size? Does this have a big impact on the age-structure?
2. What is “Family Planning” and how has it worked in Kenya?
3. What happens when the death rate falls and the birth rate remains high? How is this issue resolved?
4. How has AIDS affected the lives of people in Nairobi? What does this mean for women?
5. What does the population pyramid of countries dealing with large numbers of AIDS look like? How is this very different from countries where AIDS is not as big a problem?
6. How does family planning affect the abortion rate?
7. What can countries like India and Kenya learn about economics from East Asia?