Akiva Friedman Global Warming Questions A.P. Environmental Science

Station 1 "Book Smarts"

- 1. List the 4 principal greenhouse gases and their chemical formulas.
- 2. Which gas is the most heat-trapping per unit volume?
- 3. Describe how IR radiation is absorbed, radiated, and captured by earth. If you prefer, use a diagram with colors and captions to make this concept clear.
- 4. What evidence is that shows an increase in % CO₂ in the atmosphere?

Station 2 "Chemistry Smarts"

- 5. Draw structural formulas of the 4 principal greenhouse gases. You may use colors to enhance your presentation.
- 6. List the sources of each gas.
- 7. Is water a greenhouse gas? Why or why not?

Station 3 "Society Smarts"

- 8. What effects does industrialization in China have on global warming?
- 9. Why is baseball bat wood more difficult to obtain now?
- 10. How is malaria affected by global warming?
- 11. Can you list other economic & environmental consequences of global warming?

Station 4 "Technology Smarts"

12. Using a thermometer, household chemicals, a plastic bottle, vacuum pump, and IR light source, design a controlled experiment with a hypothesis to test the validity of anthropogenic warming of earth.

Station 5 "Logic Smarts"

- 13. Discuss the concepts of positive and negative feedback loops.
- 14. Connect to biological examples, such as H₂CO₃ in blood & hormone regulation.
- 15. How do ice albedo, deforestation, and increasing air pollution connect to ideas of positive and negative feedback?
- 16. As sea ice melts in the Arctic Circle, Russia and Canada are placing claims on underground resource-rich arctic sea beds that connect to their continental shelf. Is this a case of positive or negative feedback? Explain your answer.

Station 6 "Law Smarts"

- 17. Describe the provisions of the Clean Air Act?
- 18. What recent Supreme Court decisions affect the enforcement of this law?
- 19. What are The Kyoto Protocol and The Montreal Protocol?
- 20. What are some proposed mitigation ideas for global warming?

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