* Environmental concerns are growing source of interdependence
* Tragedy of the Commons - when common environmental assets are depleted due to lack of interstate cooperation
* Enclosure - splitting of common areas into privately owned pieces
* Sustainable development - economic growth that doesn't deplete resources
* Global warming - long term rise in average world temperature
* UN environment program - monitors environmental conditions
* 1997 Kyoto protocol - planned to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels over about a decade
* 1987 Montreal Protocol - agreed to reduce CFCs (culprits of ozone depletion) by 50% by 1998
* Biodiversity (# of species) diminishing, can lead to collapse of critical food chains
  + Lead to founding of international whaling commission
* UN convention on law of the sea - 1973, enclosed oceans to allow more jurisdiction over harmful activities such as excess fishing
  + 12 miles off shore is state exclusive shipping lanes
  + 200 miles is exclusive economic zone
* Antarctic treaty 1959 - forbids military activity, nukes, and nuke waste on Antarctica
* Demographic transition - pattern of falling death rates followed by falling birth rates that accompanies industrialization and economic development