Human populations through time

Focus question	How can we meet the demands for food of a growing human population? How have humans impacted the Earth's carrying capacity? How might they impact it in the future?
Vocabulary	Carrying capacity

Carrying capacity is defined as the maximum population that an ecosystem can support indefinitely, based on the needs of the population for food, water, shelter and other requirements. Carrying capacity fluctuates due to seasonal changes, natural variability in the numbers of predators and prey, and human impacts. This unit will focus on the growth of populations and how humans have been able to overcome some of the challenges of environmental obstacles or limits to carrying capacity.

1. What are the demands of a growing human population?

2. After watching the video at **worldpopulationhistory.org/map/2050/%20mercator/1/0/25/**, list the questions you have about the growth of human populations. What do you want to know more about? Share your list of questions with others in your group.