

## Worksheet 6: "Mankind's Future"

### ANTES DE LA LECTURA

1. Think about it.  
Elige un aparato o artefacto con tu compañero o compañera y predigan cómo será en el futuro.
2. Look up in the dictionary.  
come - decade - decrease - increase - supply - raw material

### Reading Text

#### **"Mankind's future"**

The coming decades will be dramatic enough for humanity even without atomic wars or other military confrontations. Dangers such as overpopulation, destruction of the environment, a decreasing supply of raw materials, educational and intellectual deficiencies in a large part of the population, dangers such as these are gradually becoming apparent to the average European, American and Asian and are forcing the governments to exercise foresight, to be responsible and to deal with more problems than ever before.

Professor Hermann Oberth in his book "The Space Reflector" says that "In order to gain time against the greatest danger, namely overpopulation, it is urgent that we take in hand the following technological projects :

- With the aid of the space reflector we:
- Will increase the amount of arable land on earth.
- Will improve the climate.
- Will keep the Arctic harbors free of ice.
- Will provide the earth with a source of energy which is not harmful to the environment in which can also be used to produce electricity.
- Will provide energy which can be used as microwave beams to propel rockets into space, etc.

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## DURANTE LA LECTURA

3. Choose the sentence that best represents the main idea of the text:
  - a. Peligros y posibles soluciones tecnológicas que nos esperan a futuro.
  - b. Sobre población, el gran problema del futuro.
  - c. El agua, principal problema del futuro.
  
4. Read and answer in English using one or two words:
  - a. Will the next years be easy or difficult for mankind?
  - b. Will wars influence the future?
  - c. Which will be the greatest problem for mankind in the future, according to Professor Oberth?
  
5. Choose three sentences in the text that show innovative solutions for the problems presented. Copy them:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_.

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## POSTERIOR A LA LECTURA

6. Complete the following sentences using words from the text:

Space reflectors (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ earth with a non harmful source of energy.

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ technology help man to grow as a human being?

(e) Destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ be one of the main problems in the future.
  
7. Work in groups and make a collage showing with picture the problems of the future. Show your collage to the class and discuss the content of them (In Spanish).