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Solar Energy

Quotations

""The use of solar energy has not been opened up because the oil industry does not own the sun."

- Ralph Nader

""The sun--that power plant in the sky--bathes Earth in ample energy to fulfil all the world's power needs many times over. It doesn't give off carbon dioxide emissions. It won't run out. And it's free."

- Susannah Locke

Questions

- Is solar energy something that is promoted and used in your country?
- What are the benefits and drawbacks of solar power?
- If it was affordable and available, would you purchase a solar powered computer or car?
- Do you have an idea of how solar power works?
- Have you ever seen a "solar power farm"? What do you think it looks like?
- Do you believe that solar panels for your home, neighbourhood or city would be a good investment and pay off in the future?
- Do you believe governments and big business have prevented the development and more widespread use of solar energy?
- Do you know of anything now that uses solar power or have you seen solar panels on objects in your city?
- What items in your home do you wish was run on solar power?
- Do you think that solar power is a cleaner and safer form for gathering energy?
- What advantages do you see for the planet and her inhabitants if there was world-wide effort to supply every person with solar power?
- If government couldn't tax solar energy and oil companies lost money on solar energy, what types of companies could make money from solar energy?

Presentation Create a solar energy farm on paper. Have them show how energy would be collected and distributed.