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Activity

Debating a water transfer scheme

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This homework task encourages you to evaluate water transfer schemes using the example of the proposed Kielder reservoir water transfer scheme.

Task 1

Read the 'Water transfer schemes' article in WIDELAND Vol. 31, No. 1. Use this article and conduct online research to complete the table below.

	Reasons for the Kielder water transfer scheme	Reasons against the Kielder water transfer scheme
Social		
Economic		
Environmental		

Task 2

Now, use your completed table and the success criteria below to write a newspaper article answering the question, 'Should the Kielder water transfer scheme go ahead?'

Success criteria

- A catchy headline
- Description of the planned scheme from Kielder reservoir (Northumberland) to London and the southeast.
- Explanation of why the UK needs this water transfer scheme.
- Evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of this scheme.
- Facts and figures
- Key terms
- Your own opinion

Extension exam-style questions

- 1 Describe a named example of a water transfer scheme. (2 marks)
- 2 To what extent do you agree that the Kielder water transfer scheme should go ahead?
(9 marks)

Teacher notes

This homework activity could be used alone, along with the WIDELWORLD Vol. 31, No. 1, or after the lesson PowerPoint as a follow-up activity.

Learning objective

- To evaluate the Kielder water transfer scheme

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