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Solving the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Conflict

Part 1. Use the reading passage from The Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Project to answer the questions below.

1. Locate the area of the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Project on the map The Danube River Including the Gabčíkovo Dam. Which countries are upstream of the project? Which countries are downstream? _____

2. The Gabčíkovo, or Cunovo, dam and diversion canal moved more than 80 percent of the water from the Danube River out of its original course. How would this affect the people living along the original course of the river? _____

Part 2. Your small group will be assigned one of the questions below. Your goal is to attempt to solve the conflict. You will present your point of view to the International Court of Justice. Capture your ideas on the back of this worksheet.

3. Imagine it is 1977. You are the Hungarian and Czechoslovakian negotiators who agreed on the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Project. Write a press release explaining why this project will help improve life in your countries, and why it is an example of international cooperation that other countries should follow. Include an explanation of the physical geography and the economic and political situation of the area.

4. Imagine you are representatives of Germany, Bulgaria, and Romania—three other countries along the Danube River. What are your concerns about this project? Are you in favor of it or opposed? Why? Can it help your countries economically in any way? Will it do any harm? What practical solutions can you suggest?

5. Imagine yourself in the role of an international environmental organization. You want to represent the rights of nature—the plants and animals living in and around the Danube. If you don't take human concerns into account, how does the way you look at the problem change? What do you suggest as the best solution?

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