

Advice Column

problems about *countries*

- Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.



Ask Anita!

Dear Anita,

Two days ago, our geography teacher, Mr. Anderson, gave us an interesting homework assignment: write down three of the best things about the country where we live and give reasons for our choices. I think this homework isn't too difficult, but I've asked a lot of my friends and family about this, and I'd also like to know your opinion, Anita. What are the three best things about our country?

Sandy

Dear Anita,

Last night, my son, who is five years old, asked me a question that I never really thought about before. He asked me why there are so many countries in the world (there are about 200 countries, I think). Do you know the answer to this question, Anita? And here's a question from me: do you think the world would be a better place if there was only one country?

Ellie

Dear Anita,

My geography teacher, Mr. Anderson, gave us a difficult homework assignment yesterday: write down three things about our country that are not so great – three things that could be made better. I really like my country, and I can't think of many bad things about it – but I guess there is no country that is perfect. What do you think, Anita? How could our country be improved?

Jim



- Compare your solutions with different classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?