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3. [21] Wilderness protection and the challenge of climate change
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11. [13] Changes in diet and nutrition with economic development*
12. [12] Rural policy, development, and regeneration
13. [12] Policies that benefit and exploit rural areas*
15. [9] Participatory planning in rural areas
16. [8] The technological treadmill and genetically modified organisms (GMOs)
17. [8] Rural restructuring, part 2: community and environment
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20. [7] Tragedy of the commons and resource management*
21. [7] Changes in family structure and demographics with industrialization*
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23. [6] Urban growth’s impact on housing of surrounding areas*
24. [6] Small-scale urban agriculture, especially in planned economies (Cuba)*
25. [5] The economic crisis’ impact on jobs, the economy, and sustainability*
26. [5] Compare urban and rural policy across nations*
27. [5] Childcare systems in comparison*
29. [4] Rural environmental governance
30. [4] Government policy on water, especially N vs. S California*
32. [2] What sparks rural change and industrialization of the economy*
33. [2] History of rural development, trends and changes*
34. [1] The role of the land-grant university in agricultural and rural change
35. [0] Levees*

* = topics suggested by the class
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