

The day after tomorrow

1 Use these quotes from *The Day After Tomorrow* as debate topics.

- Jack Hall: Mankind survived the last ice age. We're certainly capable of surviving this one. All depends on whether or not we're able to learn from our mistakes.
- Vice-President Becker: For years, we operated under the belief that we could continue consuming our planet's natural resources without consequence. We were wrong. I was wrong. The fact that my first address to you comes from a consulate on foreign soil is a testament to our changed reality. Not only Americans, but people all around the globe have become guests in the nations we once called the 'Third World'. In our time of need they have taken us in and sheltered us, and I am deeply grateful for their hospitality.



- a. Jack Hall underlies the importance of learning “from our mistakes”. Do you share his thesis? Why/Why not?
- b. In what “foreign soil” do you think the survivors of the disaster have found shelter?
- c. Is there an ethical lesson concerning refugees in Vice-President Becker’s words?



- In keeping with the movie's ecological theme, Emmerich paid \$200,000 from his own pocket to make the production “carbon-neutral” – the first of its kind in Hollywood. All carbon dioxide emitted by the production was offset by the planting of trees and investments in renewable energy.
- The consultation by NASA scientists was requested before the filming of the movie, but NASA stated that the events in the film were too ridiculous to actually occur and hence denied the request. NASA sent a memo out to all of its employees stating that they were not allowed to comment on the likelihood of the events portrayed, but later revoked this restriction.
- The Red Cross put up several stands at cinemas in the U.S. featuring pamphlets with information on what to do to keep safe during tornadoes, floods and blizzards for concerned people who had just viewed the film.