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Literature of Ecodystopia - 2018-2019

“Losing Earth: The Decade We Almost Stopped Climate Change”

1. Why is the decade from 1979-1989 so important in terms of assessing and addressing the climate crisis?

While collecting data, the 70's was when the public was educated the crisis of climate change. Sadly the environmental movement started to die down.

2. What is a fossil fuel (look this up if you don't know it) and why/how does it contribute to the greenhouse effect?

Fossil fuel is compressed decomposed matter over the years to become fuel and is highly flammable material. When burned the carbon dioxide is produced in the atmosphere. Due to the carbon in the atmosphere heat can't escape from the earth's

3. What was so important about the World Climate Conference in 1979?

This was the first time the government took any real steps to preserve the environment. Jimmy Carter, the president at the time, passed laws to prevent any more population being produced.

4. What is the central point of the prologue?

The purpose of the prologue was to give us a little background information into the article. Even the leaders from the world's largest wealthiest nations were also part of the moment.

5. Who were the Jasons?

The Jasons were the athlete secret scientists who Agle worked for. They conducted the research into the environmental crisis.

6. Who was Gordon MacDonald, and what did he predict in his 1968 paper, “How to Wreck the Environment”?

Till we ban nuclear weapons, there will always be a nuclear

7. What does the author, Nathaniel Rich, mean by the Gordon-Rafe “carbon-dioxide” roadshow (he is using a metaphor, but what is he talking about?)

8. What is the “Keeling curve”?

9. What measures (specific actions) did Pomerance suggest to President Lyndon Johnson to forestall (prevent) future climate catastrophes?

10. Who is Jule Charney?

11. What major meeting took place in 1979 to address the “climate apocalypse”?