Climate Change Webquest

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Go to the following website.

https://archive.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/index.html

Learn the Basics

- 1. Why is the Earth getting warmer?
- 2. What kinds of things are happening due to temperatures getting warmer?
- 3. What is the greenhouse effect (*hint* look at the green side note)?
- 4. Watch the greenhouse effect video. Why do we need SOME greenhouse gases?
- 5. What happens when we have too many greenhouse gases?

Click on the link to "Learn more about climate."

Climate Concepts:

1. What is weather?

- 2. What is climate?
- 3. What is regional climate? Give an example.
- 4. What is global climate?
- 5. What is global warming?
- 6. What are some of the changes we see around the world due to rising global temperatures?
- 7. Copy the "Climate Connections" diagram.

Go back and then click "Find out how and why the climate is changing."

Today's Climate Change:

- 1. What is the main reason the climate is changing?
- 2. What are heat trapping gases also called? Give an example of a heat trapping gas.

Click on the link "All about carbon dioxide."

All About Carbon Dioxide

- 1. How are we producing excess carbon dioxide?
- 2. Watch the video to learn more about the carbon cycle.
 - a. One of the ways that carbon dioxide is taken out of the atmosphere is photosynthesis. What is photosynthesis?
 - b. What are two ways carbon dioxide goes back into the atmosphere?
 - c. How is the carbon cycle like a bathtub?

Go back twice to the "Learn the Basics" page. Click on the link "Learn how the climate changed in the past."

The Earth's Climate in the Past:

- 1. Approximately when was the earth formed?
- 2. How do we know what the Earth's climate was like in the past (What are the clues)?
- 3. What are two natural causes of climate change?
- 4. Humans are causing climate change. What was the carbon dioxide concentration like originally? What is it like now (in parts per million)?

Go to: <u>https://archive.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/scientists/clues.html</u>

Clues of Climate Change:

Complete the activity and answer the following question.

1. What are the eleven signs of climate change that scientists have found? List them below