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## Text Meets World

**Directions:** Read the two excerpts below. Each one explores how people respond to the **environment**. Connect ideas from them to current events or global issues today. Use the guiding questions to explain them in full sentences. Support your answers with **evidence from the texts and real-world knowledge**.

### Excerpt A: *Silent Spring* (Rachel Carson, adapted)

"Once, birdsong filled the air, but now the fields and forests are silent. The careless use of chemicals has poisoned the earth, leaving behind a world less alive. Unless we change our ways, the beauty of nature will fade into memory."

### Excerpt B: *News Article on Climate Change* (Adapted, 2023)

"Rising global temperatures have led to stronger storms and longer droughts. Governments worldwide are debating solutions, but progress is uneven. Activists argue that immediate action is necessary to protect communities and ecosystems from further harm."

1. What environmental problems are described in both texts?

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2. How do the **causes** of concern differ between the historical text (Excerpt A) and the modern one (Excerpt B)?

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3. What global issue today best connects with these excerpts?

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4. Why is it important to connect literature and informational texts to real-world events?

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