

## Text Meets World Answer Key

### Sample Responses

1. **Environmental problems:** Both describe threats to nature caused by human activity: pollution in Excerpt A, and climate change in Excerpt B.
2. **Causes differ:** Carson points to chemicals and pesticides, while the modern article highlights greenhouse gases and global warming.
3. **Best global issue:** Climate change, since it links pollution, government policy, and environmental activism.
4. **Importance:** Making connections helps students see literature as relevant, understand history's impact on today, and recognize their role in solving global problems.

### Teacher Notes

- This worksheet bridges **literature, informational text, and current events**, reinforcing cross-text and real-world connections.
- Differentiation:
  - Provide struggling learners with a word bank (e.g., "pollution," "climate change," "ecosystems," "government").
  - Challenge advanced learners to extend the web by adding an extra branch with a personal or community-level connection.