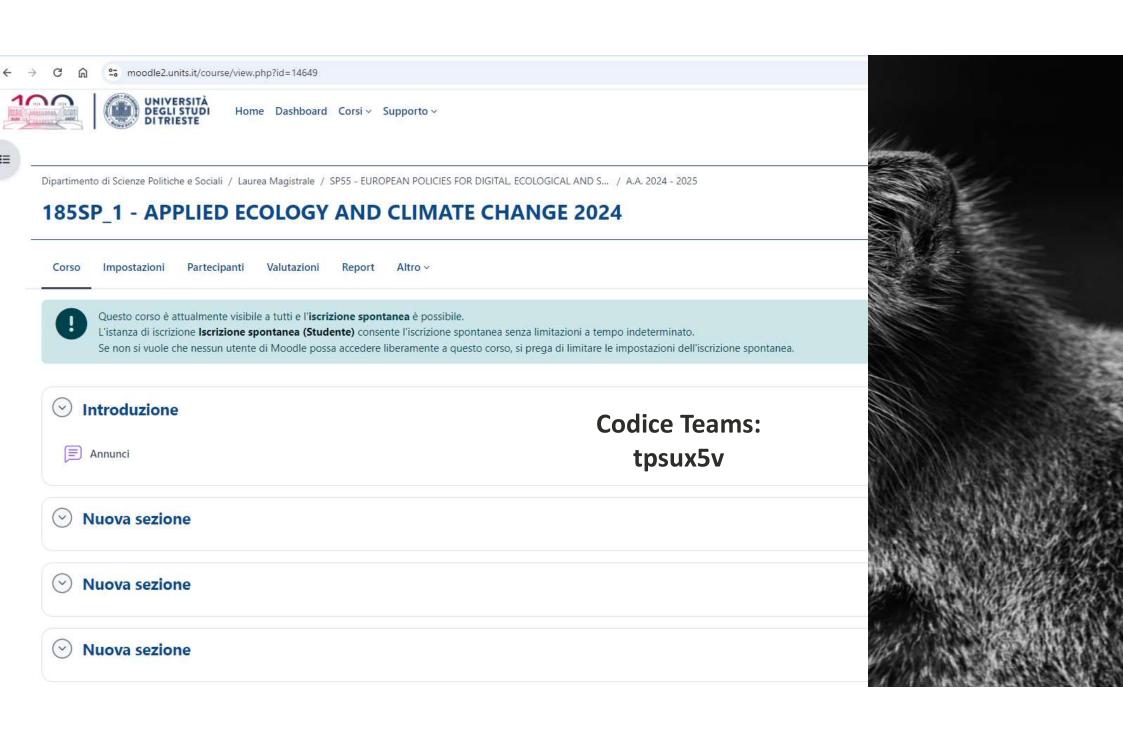
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# Applied ecology and climate change

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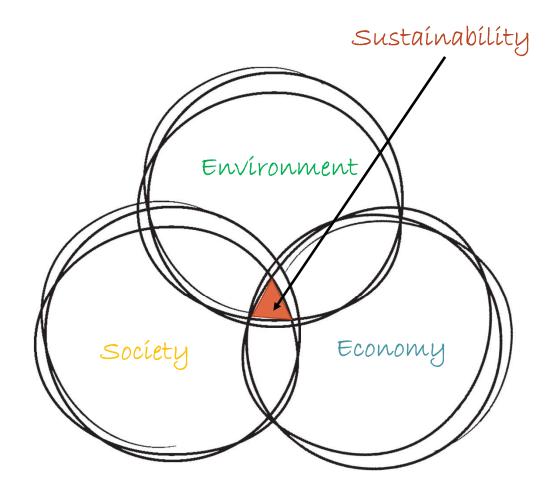
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## Fundamentals of digital and ecological transitions

Applied ecology and climate and change

Digital transformations and emerging technologies



#### Course

#### 01. Introduction: Understanding Environmental Dynamics

Ecology fundamentals, ecosystem dynamics, biodiversity

## 03. Urbanization and Considerations for Nature-Based Solutions

Urban Expansion Effects: Impacts on natural habitats and biodiversity; - Nature-Based Solutions: Integrating natural elements into urban design for sustainability.

## 02. Impact of Human Activities on the Environment

- Economic-Industrial Influence: Effects on ecosystems and biodiversity; - Transportation Impact: Land and water use; - Invasion of Alien Species: Ecological disruptions; - Pollution: Environmental degradation and health concerns.

#### O4. Interactive Learning: Addressing Global CO<sub>2</sub> Increase and Mitigation

Game-Based Learning Approach: Understanding the consequences of rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels.

#### 05. Exam

Oral interview: 3 questions, at least

#### Course calendar

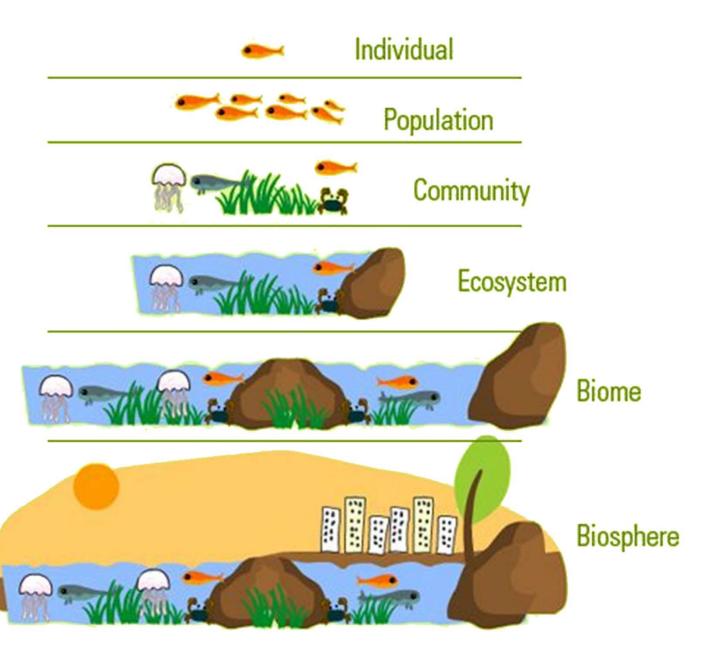
From today (October 4) up to November 29th

Friday from 11:00 to 13:00

Building A, room D

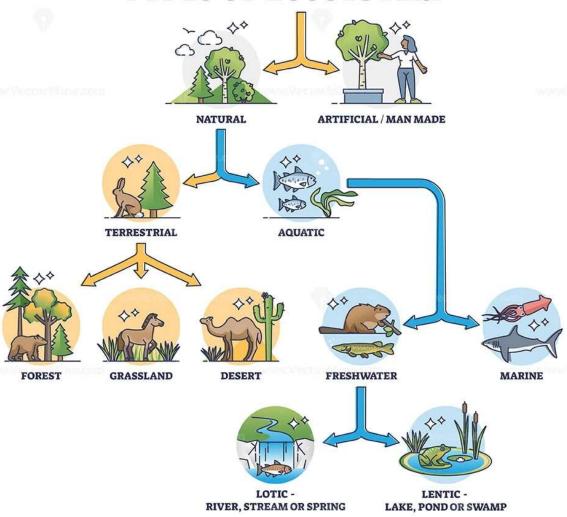


Except (NO lesson): Friday November 1





#### **TYPES OF ECOSYSTEM**



#### **BIOMES**







SAVANNA

TROPICAL RAINFOREST

MARINE







**DESERT** 

**TEMPERATE FOREST** 

**FRESHWATER** 







**GRASSLAND** 

**BOREAL FOREST** 

TUNDRA

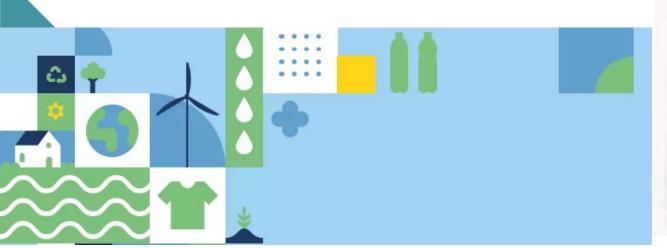




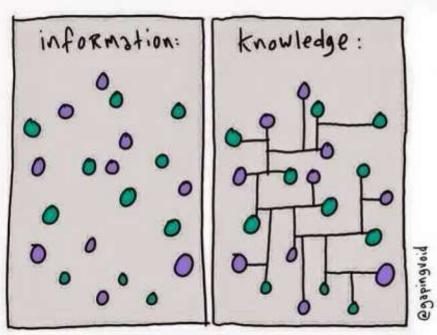
#### noun ECOLOGY

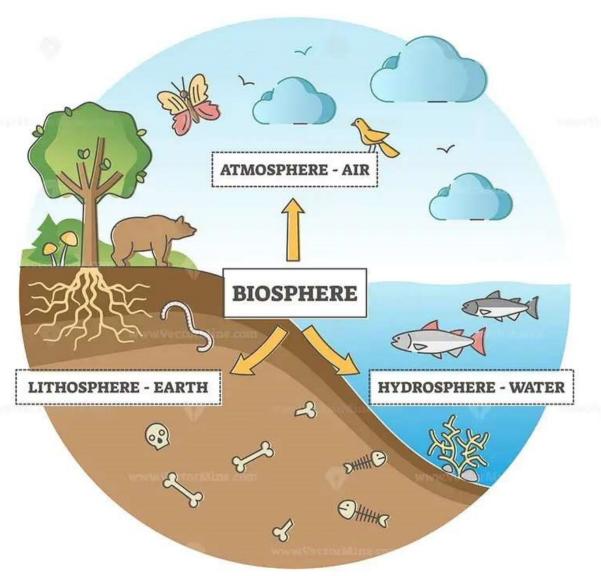
a biological community of <u>interacting organisms</u> and their physical environment. "the marine ecosystem of the northern Gulf had suffered irreparable damage"

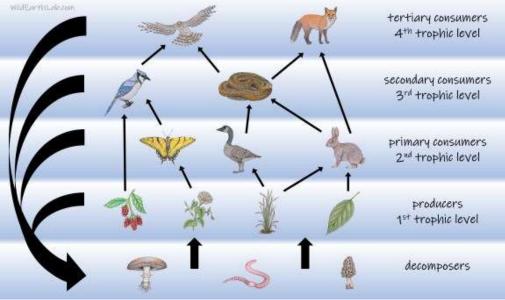
(in general use) a complex network or <u>interconnected</u> system.
 "Silicon Valley's entrepreneurial ecosystem"

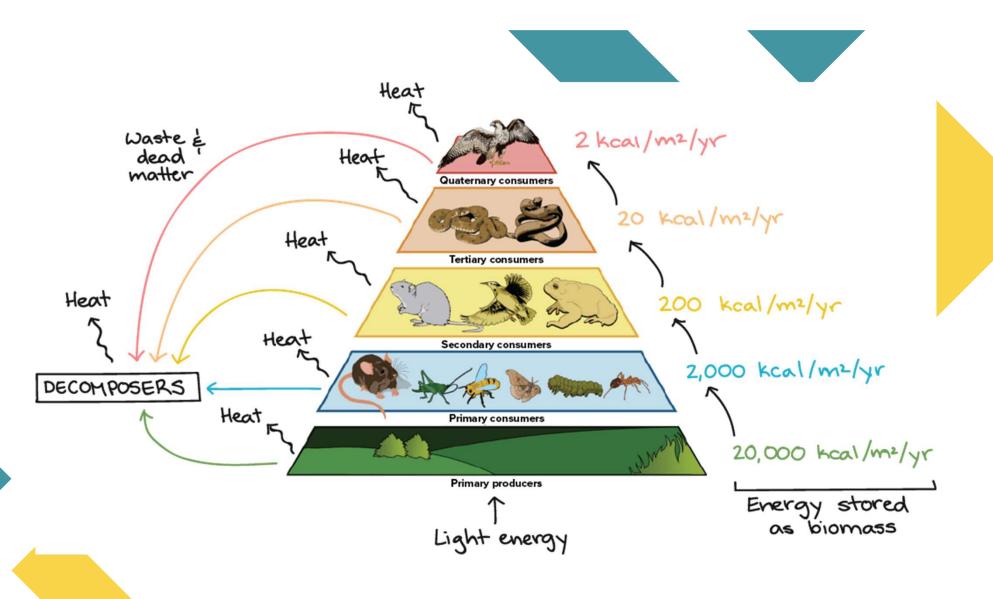




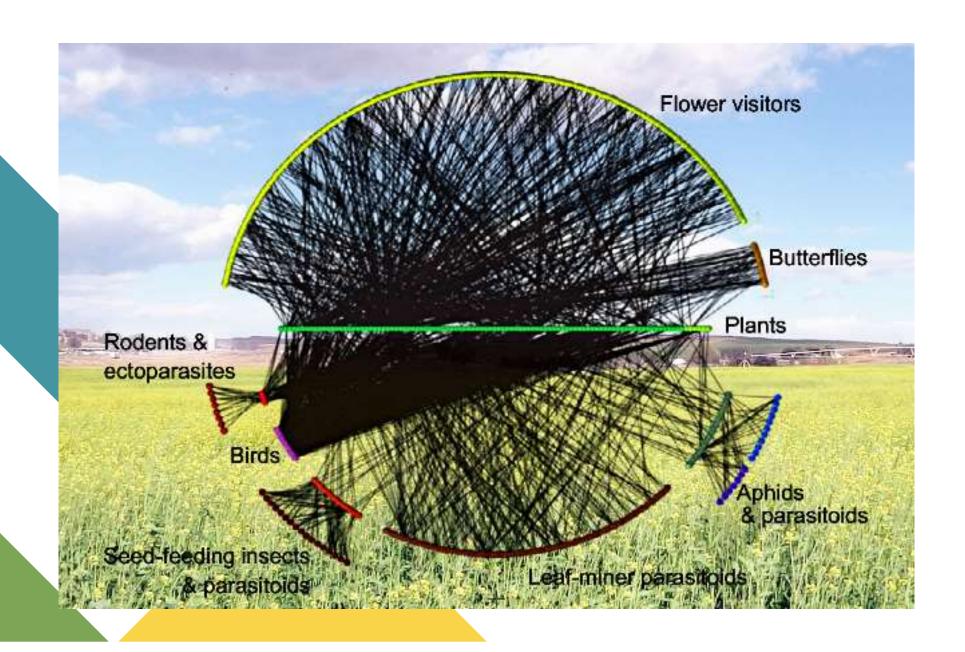


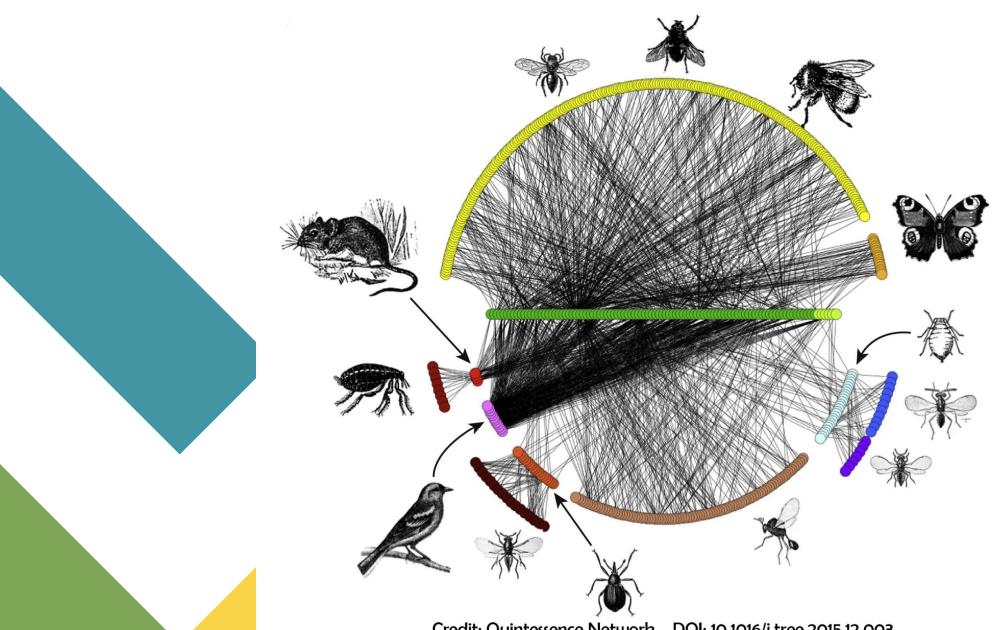






Every organism lives at a specific trophic level, depending on what it eats





Credit: Quintessence Network DOI: 10.1016/j.tree.2015.12.003

## <u>Species Interactions</u>

#### Competition

Occurs when two or more species vie for the same resource that is in limited supply. Can be interspecific (between species) or intraspecific (within a species).

#### **Predation**

One species
(predator) hunts
and consumes
another (prey). This
interaction
influences
population sizes and
evolutionary
adaptations.

#### Herbivory

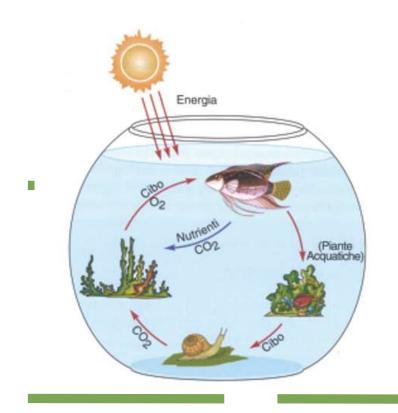
A form of predation where herbivores feed on plants, affecting plant community composition and primary productivity.

#### **Symbiosis**

Close, long-term interactions between different species, including:

- Mutualism.
- Commensalism
- Parasitism



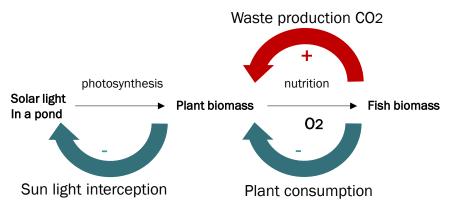


## Hierarchical levels of organization in ecology

The ecology focuses in systems that are above the level of a single organism.

#### These are:

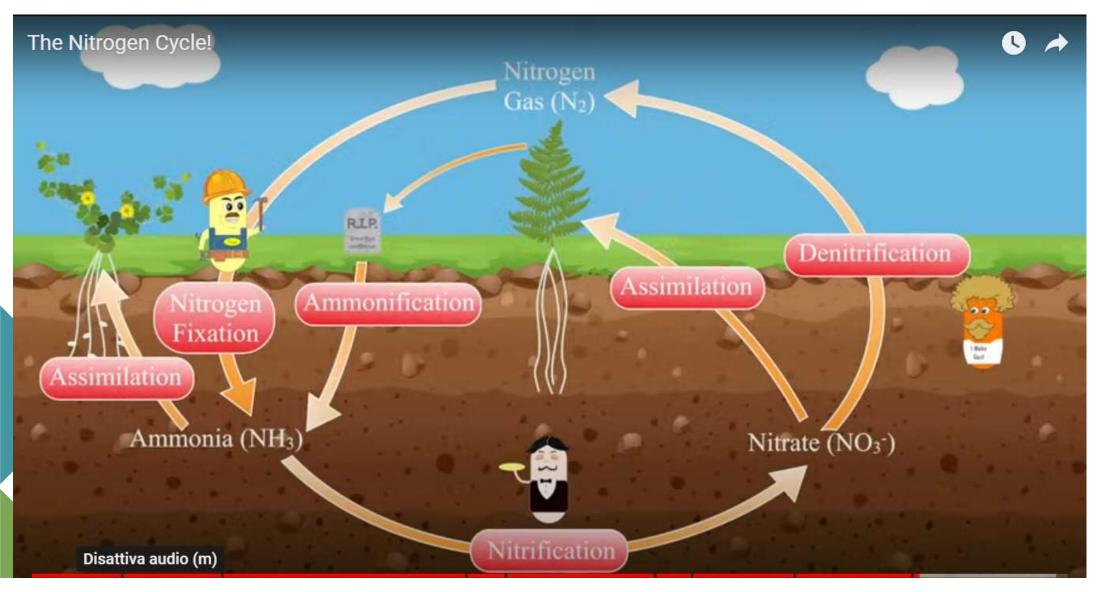
- Popolations
- Community
- Ecosystem
- Biome
- Ecosphere



The ecosystem is the first level of the hierarchical ecology:

It includes biotic component and abiotic one and the interactions between the two.

### Cycle of Nitrogen

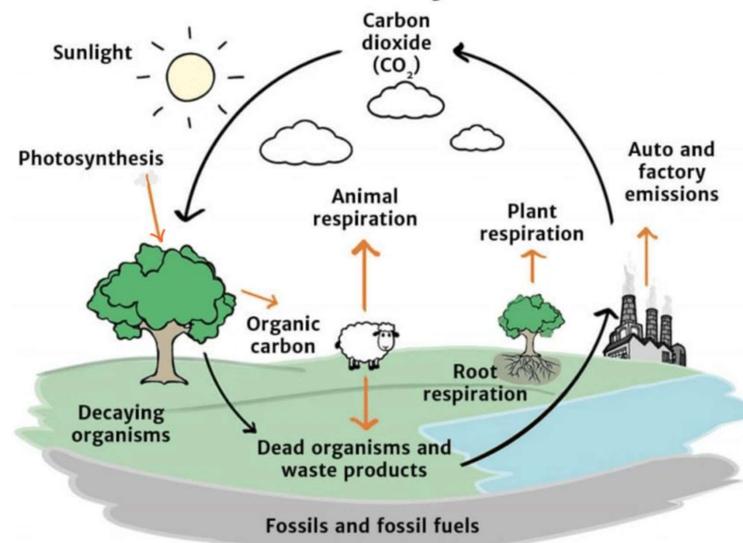


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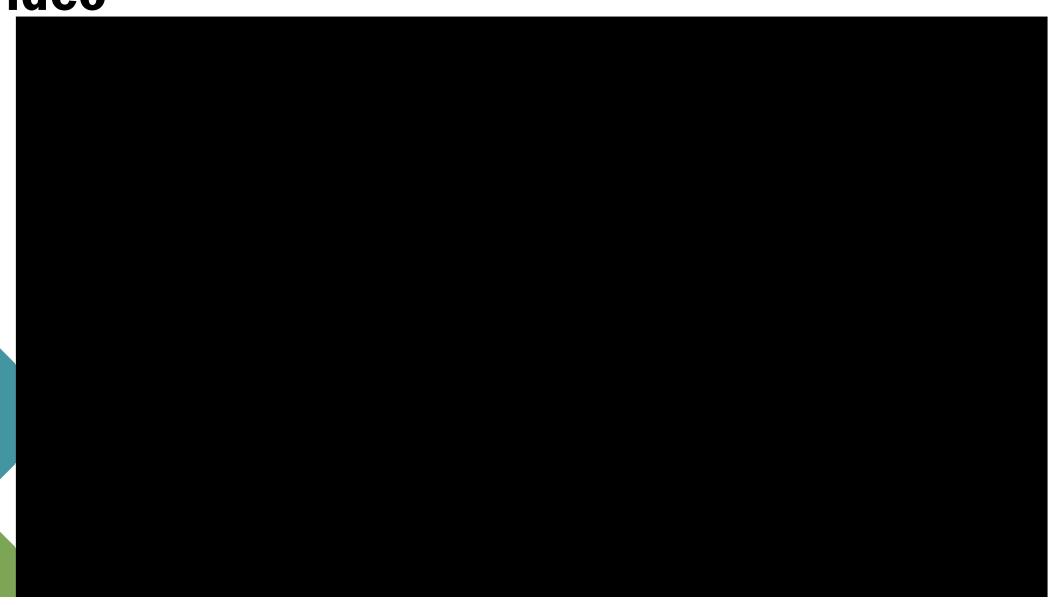


## Cycle of Carbon

### **Carbon Cycle**

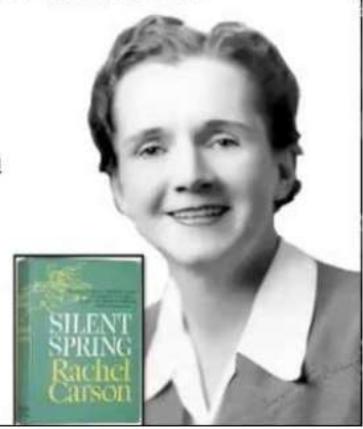






### **Rachel Carson**

- Wrote "Silent Spring"
- Biologist, ecologist, Writer
- Protested the <u>use of</u> <u>chemicals</u>, <u>Pesticides in</u> <u>the environment</u> for farming, etc.
- Resulted in the Water Quality Act
- Triggered the <u>Modern</u> <u>Environmental</u> <u>Movement</u>





## **Questions**

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