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## Document-Based Question: Changing Public Attitudes Toward Oil as a Resource

Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several paragraphs, and a conclusion. Use evidence from at least three documents in your essay. Support your response with relevant facts, examples, and details. Include additional outside information.

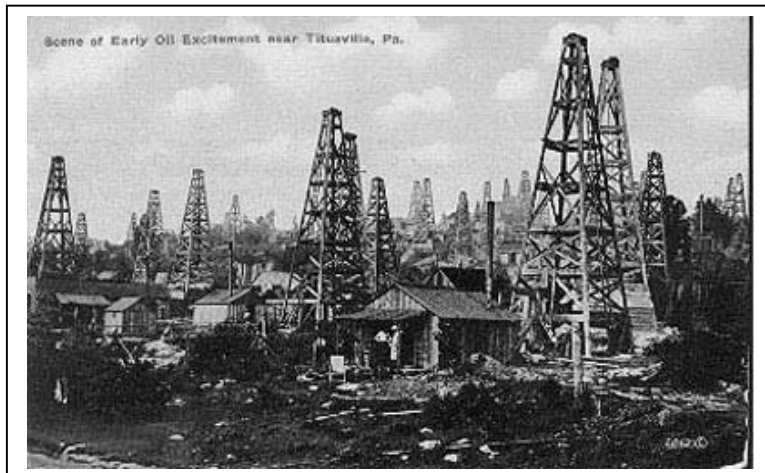
**Discuss how public knowledge and attitudes about oil have changed over time.**

### In your essay:

- Explain how public attitudes toward oil as a natural resource have changed over time.
- Reference public knowledge of the costs and benefits of DDT.
- Incorporate information from at least three of the documents.
- Explain how media reflects public attitudes and perspectives.
- Incorporate relevant outside information.
- Support the theme with relevant facts, examples and details.
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization that includes an introduction and conclusion that goes beyond a restatement of the theme.

#### Document #1

Early 1900s  
Scene of Early Oil Excitement  
Near Titusville, PA, postcard

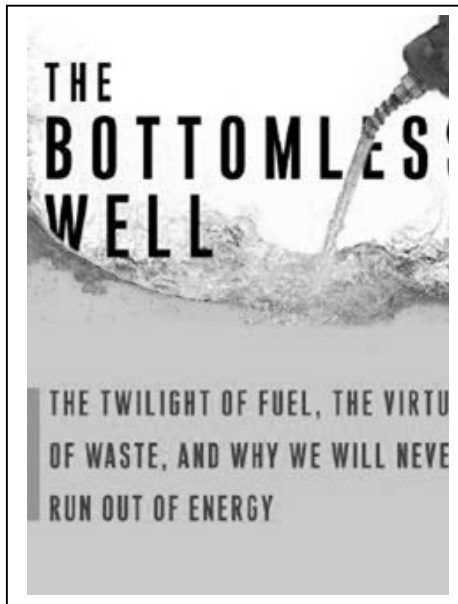


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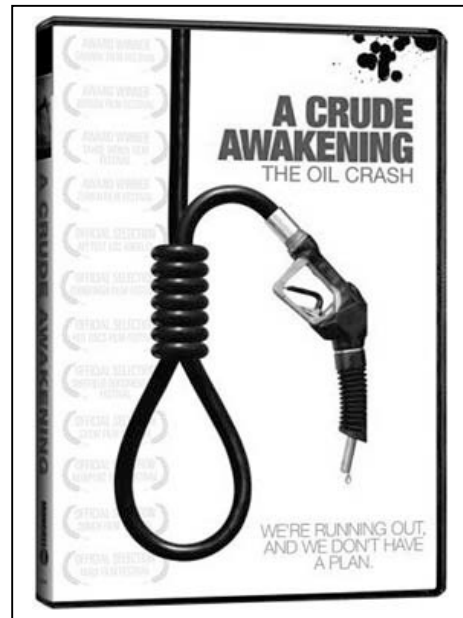
1986 *Time* magazine  
cover



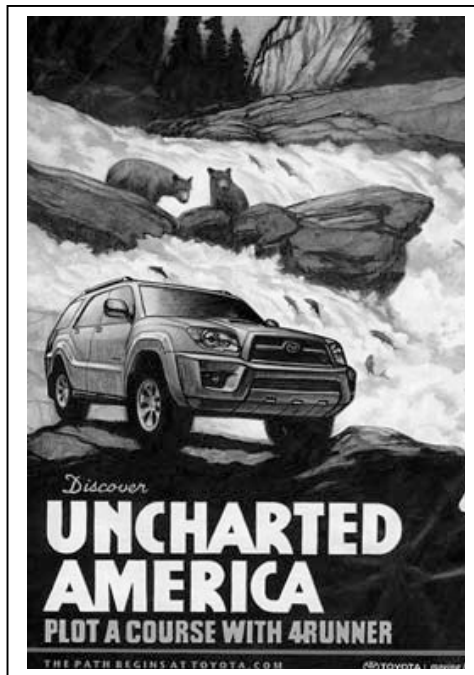
**Document #3**  
2005 book cover



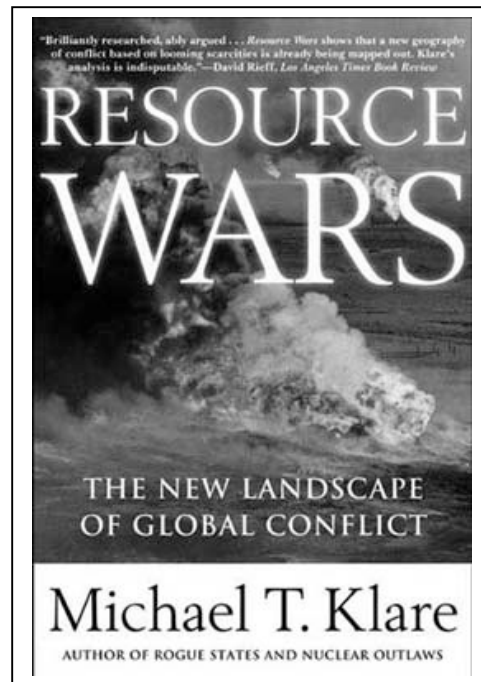
**Document #4**  
2006 DVD cover



**Document #5**  
2007 magazine advertisement



**Document #6**  
2002 book cover





## Short Answer Questions

### Changing Public Attitudes Towards Oil

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Use Document #1 to describe how the photographer and postcard designer chose to represent the site of the first commercial oil fields in the U.S.
2. Using document #2, #5 and/or #6 as examples, describe how access to oil has posed both an opportunity and a challenge.
3. Using document #3 and #4 as examples, describe two different perspectives regarding the accessibility of oil as a resource in the 21st century.
4. Using documents #5 and #6 as examples, discuss how artists select story lines for advertisements and book covers in order to advance perspectives on driving habits.

