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Population growth and increased levels of migration and urbanization have intensified environmental threats, as farming acreage, factory production, and the extraction of natural resources all increased dramatically. In the early twenty-first century, the loss of rain forest, soil erosion, global warming, air and water pollution, and extinction of species threatened the quality of life and the survival of human societies. Environmental protection efforts, like the acquisition of new technology, progressed most in rich societies with the greatest economic resources. Pollution and other environmental challenges proliferated in the poorest nations with few resources.

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