Thematic Timelines: Environment



Period 1 - Post-Classical Era - 1200 CE - 1450 CE

- Scandinavians (longboats in rivers), Arabs and Berbers (camels in the Sahara), and Central Asia pastoralists (horses to travel the steppes) use environmental knowledge and tech to adapt and travel
- A gradual warming in global temperature from 800-1300 resulted in better agricultural conditions and production, resulting in population increase

Period 2 – Early Modern Era – 1450 CE – 1750 CE

- European agricultural techniques and plantation systems affected the American environment, often resulting in soil depletion (use of nutrients) and deforestation to plant new crops
- Little Ice Age 1350-1850 saw a reduction in global temperatures contributing to changing agricultural practices and reduction of settlements in the North Hemisphere

Period 3 – Modern Era – 1750 CE – 1900 CE

 Industrialization resulted in rapid deteriorating of environments with over mining, deforestation, and pollution



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Period 4: 1900 CE - Present

Period 4 – Contemporary Era – 1900 CE – Present

- Decades of industrialization resulted in global warming as Earth's temperatures continues to rise at unprecedented levels due to greenhouse gases
- Extensive deforestation, desertification, pollution of air and water, and overhunting as a result of human activity have occurred and intensified as humans competed over these and other resources
- Developed nations have formed global and domestic agreements to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions
- Developing countries with weak or ineffective governments continue to industrially pollute and emit greenhouse gases
- Green Party Movement started on a global scale, with developing countries forming political parties bent on educating the population and protecting the environment
- Greenpeace Movement and Earth Day formed to enlighten and celebrate the environment and cooperate on reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions
- The Green Belt Movement developed a holistic approach to a development by focusing on environmental conservation, community development and capacity building. Professor Wangari Maathai established the organization in 1977

