

"Who Killed The Electric Car?" Worksheet 2

Part A – to be completed by the person who watches the movie. (You need to fill out this form as you watch the movie.)

PRIOR TO WATCHING THE MOVIE, ANSWER QUESTION #1:

1. Did you know that purely-electric cars were developed and widely used in California in the 1990s and early 2000s? Yes
2. How many miles do you drive (on average) each day? 5
3. What kind of car do you currently drive? Jeep

Now, answer questions 4-15 while you are watching the movie.

4. Electric cars were fast, produced zero emissions, and ran without exhaust.
5. In 1989 a study found that one out of four 15-25 year-olds in Los Angeles county had severe lung lesions and chronic respiratory disease.
6. The supposed "consumer groups" that opposed the building of public charging stations for electric cars ended up being fronts that were funded almost exclusively by the oil industry.
7. Instead of backing the existing, successful electric car technology, the Bush Administration instead proposed 1.2 billion dollars to back the development of hydrogen-powered automobiles.
8. The GM spokesman said that one of four things would happen to the EV1s: they would go to colleges and universities for research, to museums and other display facilities across the country, to the automakers' engineers , or they would be completely dismantled and recycled, but they weren't just going to crush it and send it off to a landfill. What actually happened to the EV1's? They were crushed in a scrap yard.
9. The average number of miles driven per day in America is 29.
10. Instead of focusing on the EV1, which General Motors didn't think they could make any money from, they focused on manufacturing the Hummer.
11. Vice President Dick Cheney is the former CEO of Halliburton (which is a company that builds oil pipelines), Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is a former member of the Chevron board of directors, and Chief of Staff Andy Card is a former VP of General Motors (and a former lobbyist).
12. When Ronald Reagan took office as President, he removed the solar panels that Jimmy Carter had placed on the roof of the White House.
13. Four months before the meeting where the California Air Resources Board killed the electric car, C.A.R.B chairman Alan Lloyd accepted the chairmanship of the California Fuel Cell Partnership.
14. On March 15, 2005, the last of the EV1s from the GM lot in Burbank were taken away and destroyed.
15. A do-it-yourself gas-to-electric conversion for your car costs about \$8000.

Part B – to be completed by the student.

16. When this documentary was made, gas prices in California were \$2.20 a gallon. Go to <http://www.californiagasprices.com/> to see what the highest gas prices are now: \$5.03 What is the *percent increase* in gas prices? **Percent of Increase = (amount of change) ÷ (original amount) × 100:** $(5.03-2.20)/2.20 \times 100 = 128.64\%$
17. List at least two all-electric cars that are currently available for purchase in the U.S. Tesla and Ford Focus
18. How do you feel knowing that the technology for a zero-emissions purely-electric car exists but these cars are being kept from the American public because the auto makers and oil companies can make more money from the currently-available internal combustion engine cars? Its not really about "making money". It's about a long term globalist corporate agenda to drain the USA of all its wealth. Killing the electric car fits into a broader scheme of dismantling the entire manufacturing industry in the United States. [Research The Trilateral Commission](#)