

Summary:

- The first scientist to conceive of "climate change" was John Tyndall in 1850.
- He did not think that it was a problem, he thought that it would take 3000 years for the earth to warm up as much as it is now and he thought that the ocean would absorb the CO₂.
- If the earth did not have greenhouse gases, all of the oceans would freeze and it would reflect all of the radiation of the sun.
- Arrhenius picked up where Tyndall left off - he became curious about the effects of CO₂ because he was interested in what caused the ice age.
- Arrhenius did his calculations in a way that seems "primitive" but he got almost perfect results.
- Arrhenius was the first to link the industrial revolution and the burning of coal to climate change
- In the 1950's Charles David started working on a new and more precise way of measuring CO₂
 - He set up an observatory in Hawaii and collected the most widely re-printed set of science data ever.
- David used this data to theorize that the ocean probably did not absorb CO₂ in the same way that Tyndall thought it might.

Questions:

1. *See summary above*
2. Greenhouse gases can be seen with an infrared camera, this means that they trap the sun's heat and make our planet warmer. Other gases like oxygen cannot be seen with infrared.
3. CO₂ causes the planet to get warmer because the light cannot bounce out of the atmosphere.
4. He thought that it would take a long time for CO₂ to double in the atmosphere because the ocean would absorb it, however David Keeling proved this wrong.