

Natural Resources and Civilizations Week 1 Friday Sept. 5, 2025

Example questions for Quiz 1 – There may be others from this week's content...

From Class activity

1. What are natural resources and/or civilizations?
2. What is Dr. Heinzel's field of study and how does it relate to this class?
3. How does the Tragedy of the Commons relate to this course?
4. Be able to provide specific examples of how economics relates to sustainability.
5. Be able to list and characterize at least 4 aspects of a wicked problem.

From the reading

1. What geologic evidence to the authors suggest could indicate the presence of humans on Earth?
2. What does PETM stand for? What is the evidence and products from this event?
3. In their reasoning, what makes the Anthropocene so remarkable?
4. What are the overall 'take-aways' from their conversation?

From the Videos

1. What can we learn from the past, to apply toward today, so our own society does not collapse?
2. What are the variables from his '5-point framework' of historic reasons for past societal collapses?
3. What US – State did he use as a modern analogy to his 5-point framework?
4. How could societies not realize they were setting up their own downfall? Why do societies fail to perceive or address their problems?