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climate

Before You Read

economy

sea level

- The material wealth of a nation or other organization.
- b) The weather conditions of a region.
- c) The level of the ocean's surface, halfway between high and low tide.



Open Discussion:

What effects could Global Warming have on an area's economy?

Global Warming: Effects Climate and the Economy

Changes in Earth's climate due to global warming could have disasterous effects on the economies of countries around the world. Rising sea levels, changing weather patterns, and severe storms can all have huge costs. Businesses, governments, and families may all be affected.



Rising sea levels could flood major cities and communities near the coast. Money will have to be spent on building dams and levees to try and stop water from destroying buildings and homes. If that fails, many people may have to move. Rising sea levels could destroy large coastal cities like Shanghai, China, with a population of about 17 million people. Governments will have to deal with large continue reading.



Climate and the Economy









What is NOT a way in which the economy of countries could be affected by global warming?

- A) Changing weather patterns can cause big changes in how and where food crops can be grown.
- B) Rising sea levels will encourage an increase in tourism to low-lying, coastal communities.
 - C) Governments and tax-payers often pay for rescue efforts and rebuilding of infrastructure, such as roads, levees, and public schools.
 - D) Severe weather can cause families to lose their homes and places of work.

