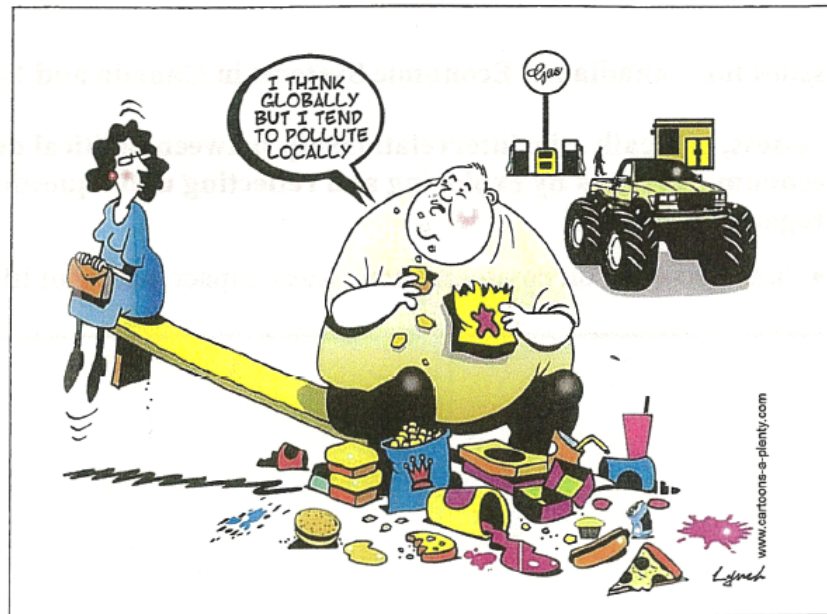


Examine the following sources and use them for the writing assignment that follows.

Source I



—from CartoonStock

Source II



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Marketing Pollution Control



GOVERNMENT IN A MARKET ECONOMY

Let's take the example of a company that manufactures paper products -- from writing paper to cardboard boxes -- at a factory location on a river. The problem is that, as a byproduct of its manufacturing operations, the factory dumps chemical pollutants into the river. But no single person or entity owns the river water, so there is no one to force the company to stop polluting. Moreover, since cleaning up the river would cost money, the company can sell its paper products more cheaply than if it had to absorb such pollution-control costs. As a result, the paper company can further increase its output, responding to the relatively higher demand at its lower prices, leading to more waste and pollution from its factory.

—excerpted from *Government in a Market Economy*



Group calls for halt to oilsands development

A new alliance of local communities, environmental groups and Indigenous Peoples is forming to ensure the protection and health of the Athabasca River Basin. Recent news on the elevated contamination in the Athabasca and Peace Athabasca-Delta region has sparked the forming group to unite as Keepers of the Athabasca and stand in solidarity with fellow basin residents downstream.

The alliance of individuals, communities and groups is urging Premier Stelmach to support Fort Chipewan leaders' calls for a moratorium* on developments until there is proof that the lower Athabasca River and its people are not being harmed. The alliance also supports the need for further independent and peer-reviewed studies on the contaminants in the sediment, water, fish and wildlife in the Athabasca and Peace Athabasca-Delta regions.

—excerpted from *Alberta Native News*

*moratorium—suspension of activity

Writing Assignment (suggested time-25 minutes)

Assignment

How should pollution be addressed by members of Canadian society?

Write a response in which you

- **identify and explain** various positions regarding the challenges associated with the problem of pollution
- **choose** and **defend** a personal decision on the issue
- **provide evidence** to support your ideas
- **communicate** your ideas clearly in sentences and/or paragraphs

When writing, **be sure to**

- **remember** that sources may contain information that could help you write your response
- **plan** and **focus** your thoughts
- **support** your ideas with **evidence** from what you have learned in your Grade 9 Social Studies classes
- **edit** your work directly on your writing
- **budget** your time

Planning: