INSTRUCTIONS

Read the following questions and discuss your answers.

1. Discuss your interpretation of the following quotation:
   I had a dream that was not all a dream. I heard the sound of a big machine—civilization, driven by a hunger and need that was unimaginably powerful. It was never satisfied, always wanting more and more and more. The Earth was being eaten alive, consumed by the machine, consuming itself.

2. What images (scenes) were shown in the video to develop the above metaphor?

3. Is the civilization-machine metaphor effective in this video?

4. How would you describe the relationship between technology and civilization?

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1 Adapted from an activity suggested by the National Geographic Society
5. What is the message in the quotation below?
It's so easy to think about the world's problems in the abstract—as if they are always somebody else's. But then one day we awaken to find them ours. To find we can no longer ignore them. It's like death—never felt so keenly as when it washes up on the shores of our own lives.

6. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?