

# MODERN ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT

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## Key Historical Influence on the development of the modern environmental movement

The following landmarks helped raise awareness of environmental problems. Both local and global environmental groups were motivated by these landmark events. The concept of stewardship evolved and increased media coverage helped to raise public awareness.

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1. Minamata, Japan: methyl mercury chloride poisoning from eating seafood, 1956

[Minamata Diseases, click on the contents](#)

[Minamata Disease](#)

- a) Describe Minamata disease, how it was discovered, the role the Chisso factory had in causing the disease..
- b) Explain how methyl mercury chloride passed through in the food chain, eventually affecting humans.

2. Aldo Leopold, author of the Sand County Almanac, 1949

[Aldo Leopold and the Sand County Almanac](#)

Aldo Leopold's writings are given much credit for changing the view of nature away from the frontier mentality in which nature was viewed as a hostile wilderness that must be conquered to one of conservation and preservation.

- a) Use the websites to read about Leopold's published works and describe the impact they had on public view of natural resources.

3. Rachel Carlson's book, Silent Spring, 1962

[Silent Spring published](#)

- a) Who was Rachel Carson and why is she famous?
- b) What were the main issues that she wrote about in her book Silent Spring?
- c) What was the public's reaction to the book, Silent Spring?

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### 4. Cuyahoga River Fires, 1952-1969

[History of Cuyahoga River Fires](#)

[From Ashes of '69 a River Reborn NYTimes](#)

[The Cuyahoga River Today](#)

- a) Describe the way the Cuyahoga River was used earlier in US history and the consequences of this use.
- b) Explain the reaction to the Cuyahoga River fire in 1969 and how the situation began to change.
- c) Describe one project on the Cuyahoga River today.

### 5. Union Carbide accident in Bhopal, India, 1984

[Union Carbide's response to the Bhopal accident](#)

[International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal](#)

- a) Read accounts of the Union Carbide accident in Bhopal, India and briefly describe the accident.
- b) Compare the descriptions of the accident and the response to help the victims according to Union Carbide and the International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal.

### 6. Save the whale campaigns

[Green Peace Whaling Page](#)

[Save the Whales Organization](#)

[Guarding Article on Iceland's Whaling](#)

- a) Explain Green Peace's stance on whaling.
- b) Describe the work of Save the Whales and Green Peace.
- c) Which countries continue to whale?

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### 7. The Chernobyl accident, 1986

[World Nuclear Organization and Chernobyl](#)

[BBC News report on the Chernobyl Disaster](#)

[World Health Organization Report on Chernobyl](#)

- a) Compare the accounts of the Chernobyl accident according to the World Nuclear Organization and BBC news.
- b) Compare the cancer and death rates stated by the World Nuclear Organization versus the WHO.

### 8. Dalian Chemical Plant, 2011

[Dalian Protest Won't be the Last](#)

[New York Times Report](#)

[Times Report on Factory Closure](#)

- a) Discuss the reasons why people are protesting. (*Environmental and Social*)
- b) Give your thoughts on why this will change “Business as usual” in China.
- c) “Internet has given rise to improved environmental awareness.” In your own words provide evidence to support this statement.

