Historic Pollution in the Hudson River: Reading

1. Read the excerpt from the New York Times’ 1884 article “Albany’s Dangerous Basin.”

2. Why were members of the boat clubs complaining?

3. What is deposited into the Albany Basin?

4. Where does Albany city get its water?

5. What recommendation did Mr. Gardiner, Director of the New York State Survey, make regarding Albany?

6. What do you think of this situation?

7. Read the excerpt from the New York Times’ 1890 article “A Poor Sewerage System.”

8. What currently happens to the sewage from New York City?

9. How much solid waste material is deposited annually into the harbor?

10. What do you think the city should do?

11. According to the synopsis, how did the city improve its water quality problems? What was the key piece of legislation that improved the water quality?

12. What are some of the current problems in New York City?