Focus Questions
Introduction to Environmental Science
Chapters 1-2
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Chapter 1
- What is natural capital? Provide examples of the components. (1-1)
- Explain the general model of nutrient cycling in the environment. (1-1)
- Give specific examples of the differences between developed and developing countries. (1-2)
- Describe the differences between renewable, nonrenewable, and perpetual resources. Provide examples of each. (1-3)
- Describe in detail the concept of Tragedy of the Commons. Provide examples. (1-3)
- Compare and contrast the ecological footprint of a person living in a developed country with a person living in a developing country providing specific examples. (1-3)
- Describe and provide examples of point source and non-point source pollution. (1-4)
- Explain the strengths and weaknesses of both output pollution control and input pollution control. (1-4)
- Describe the five basic causes of environmental problems. (1-5)
- Explain the four scientific principles of sustainability. (1-6)

Chapter 2
- Explain the difference between radioactive decay, nuclear fission, and nuclear fusion. (2-4)
- What is kinetic energy? In what forms can it be found in nature? (2-4)
- In your own words, explain the first and second laws of thermodynamics. (2-4)
- Explain and provide examples of positive and negative feedback loops. (2-5)

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