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The Suquamish Tribe

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Suggest a direction

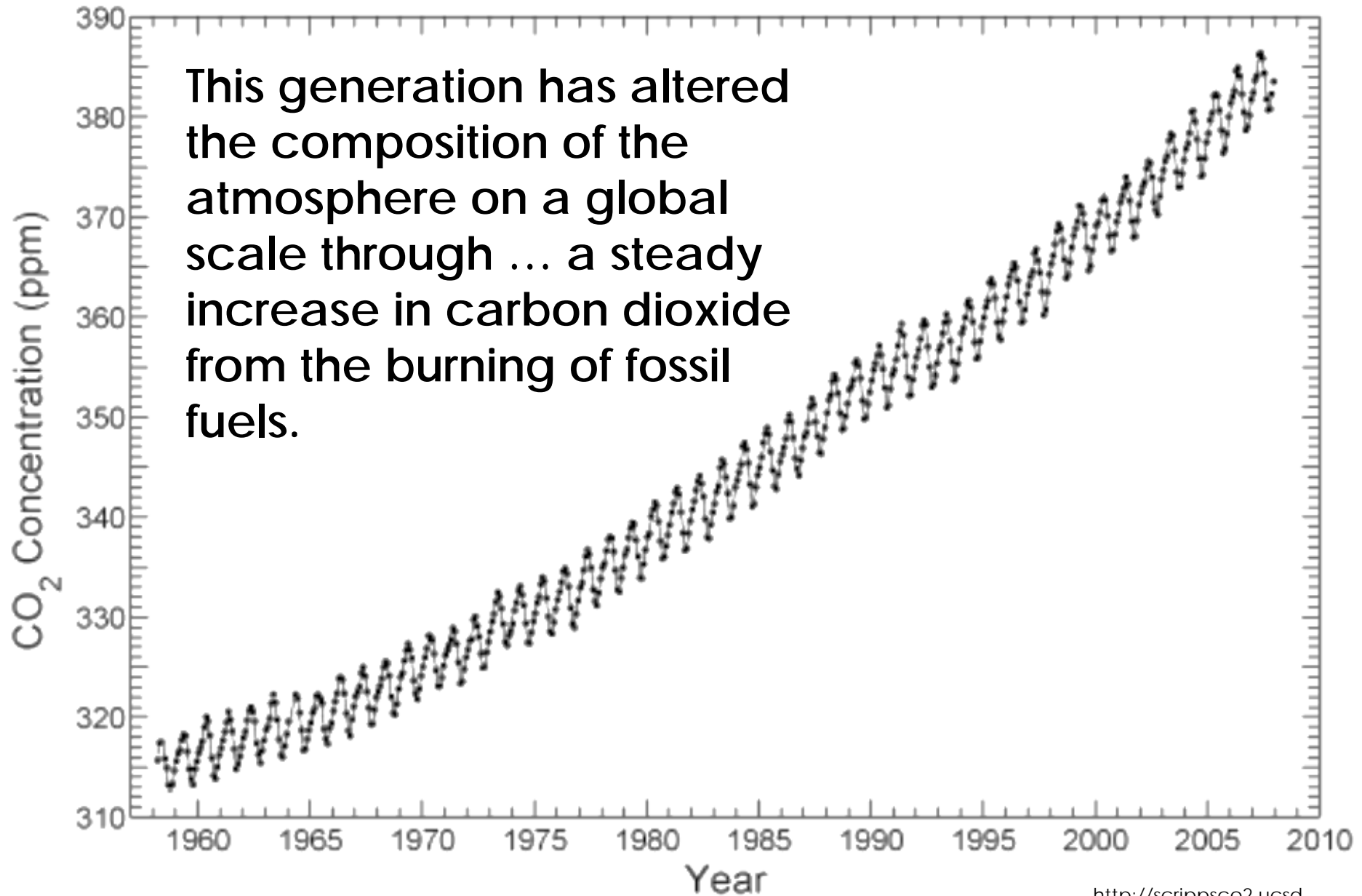
Why act now

What we are doing

What you can do

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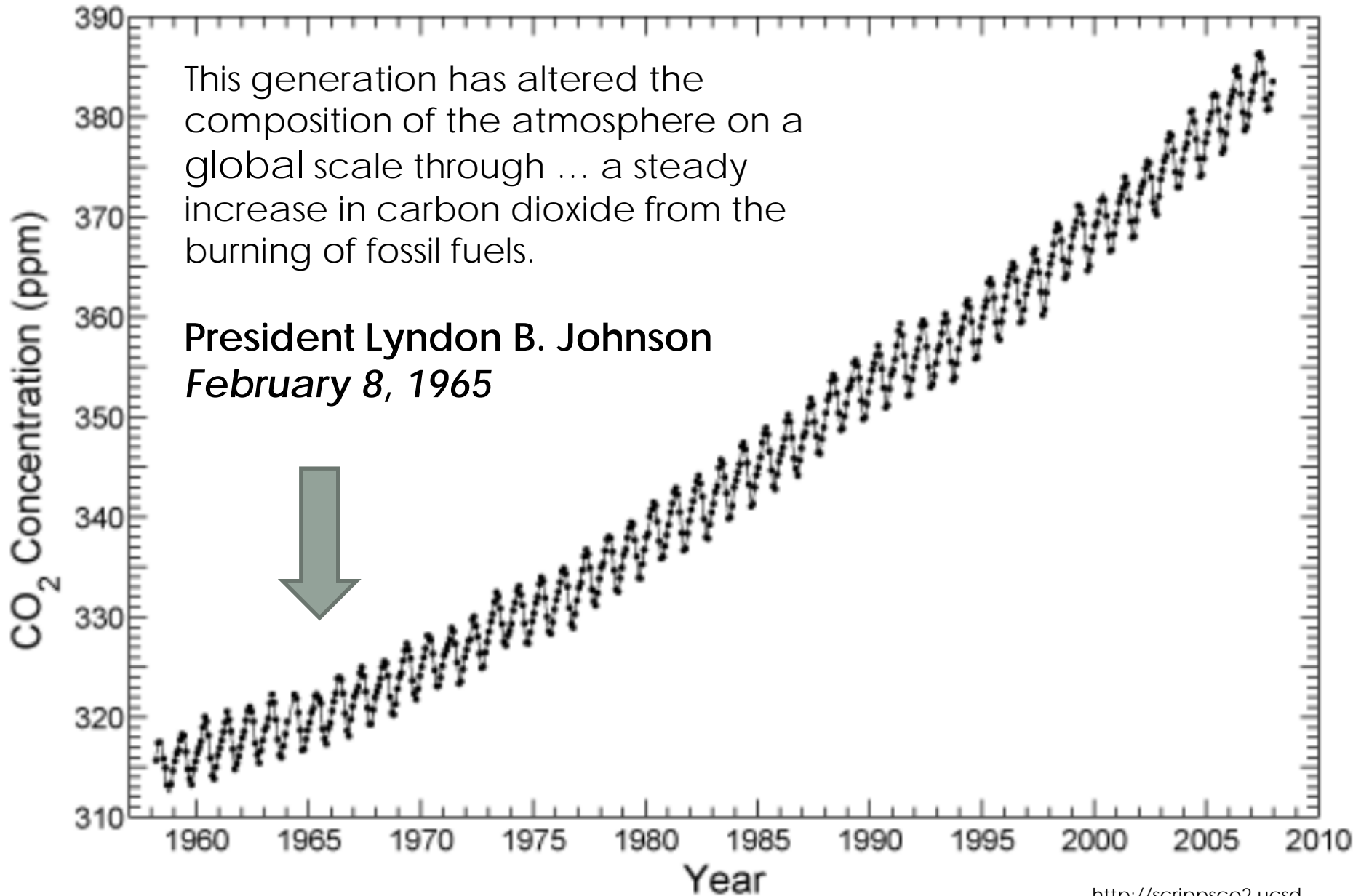
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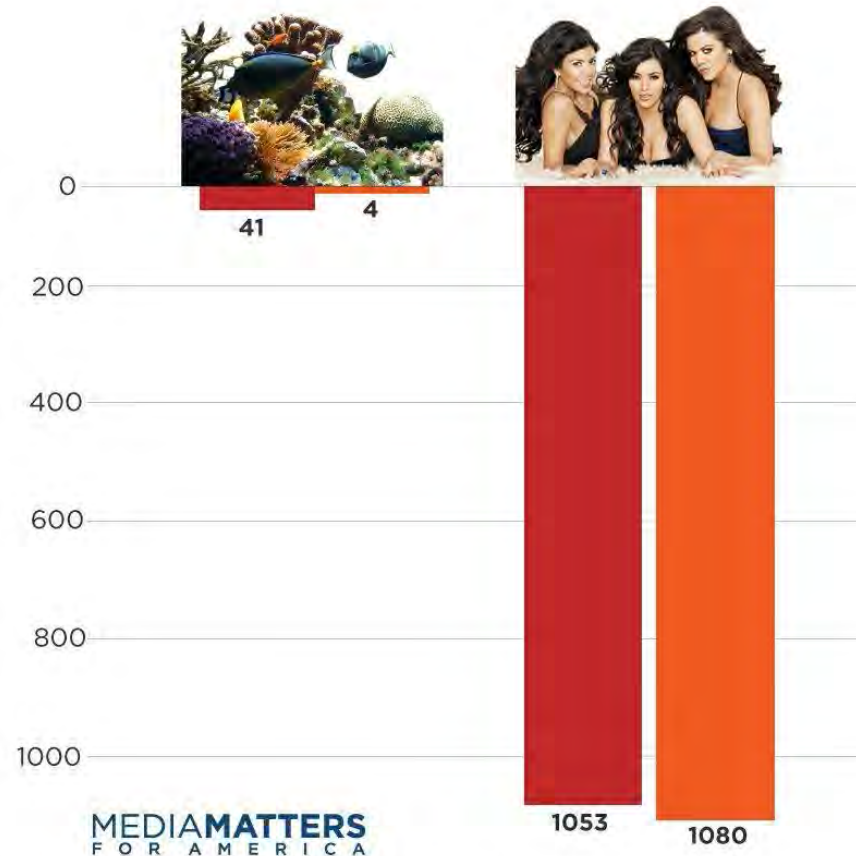
President Lyndon B. Johnson
February 8, 1965



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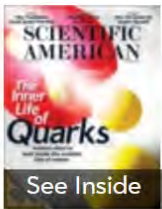
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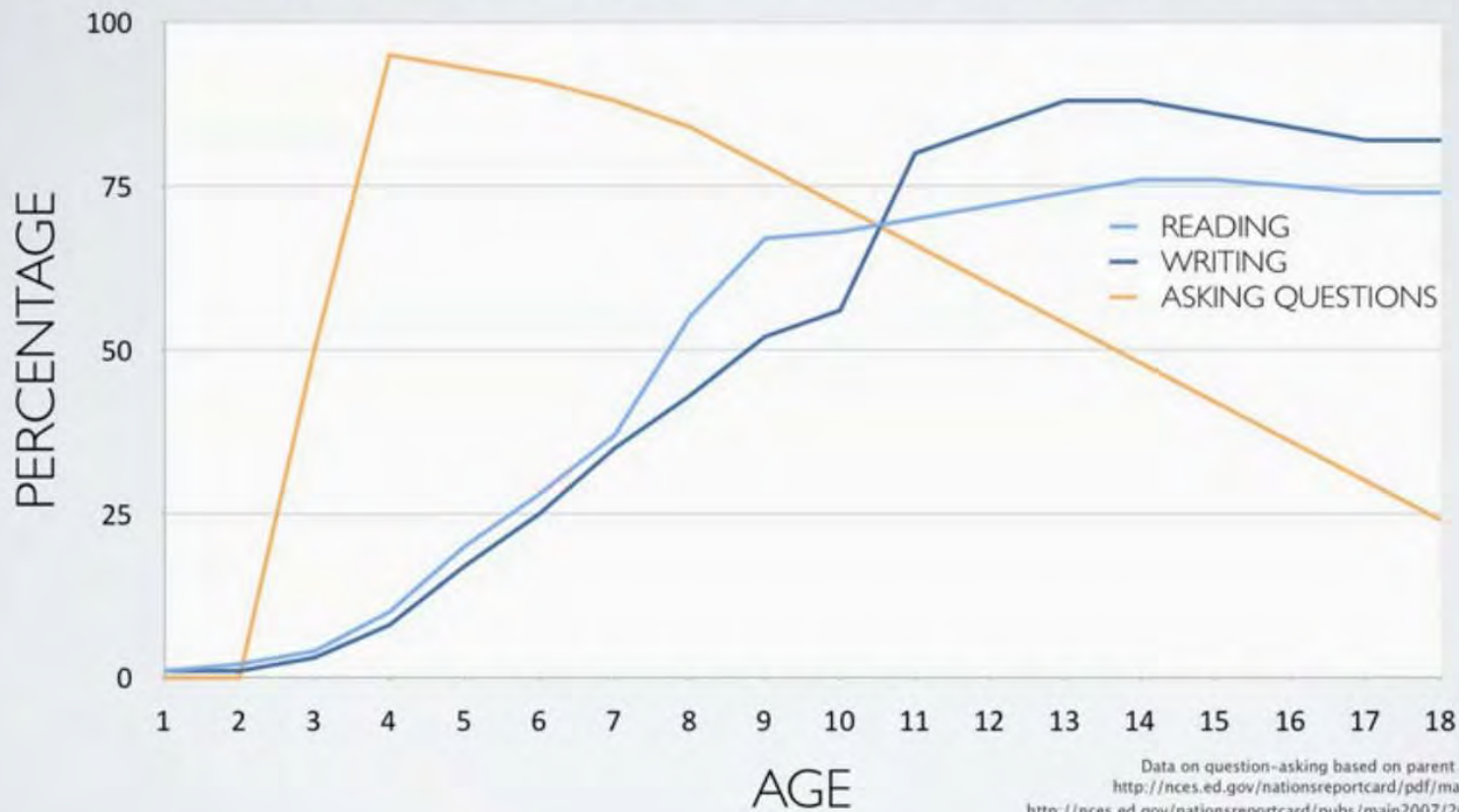
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The United States faced down authoritarian governments on the left and right. Now it may be facing an even greater challenge from within

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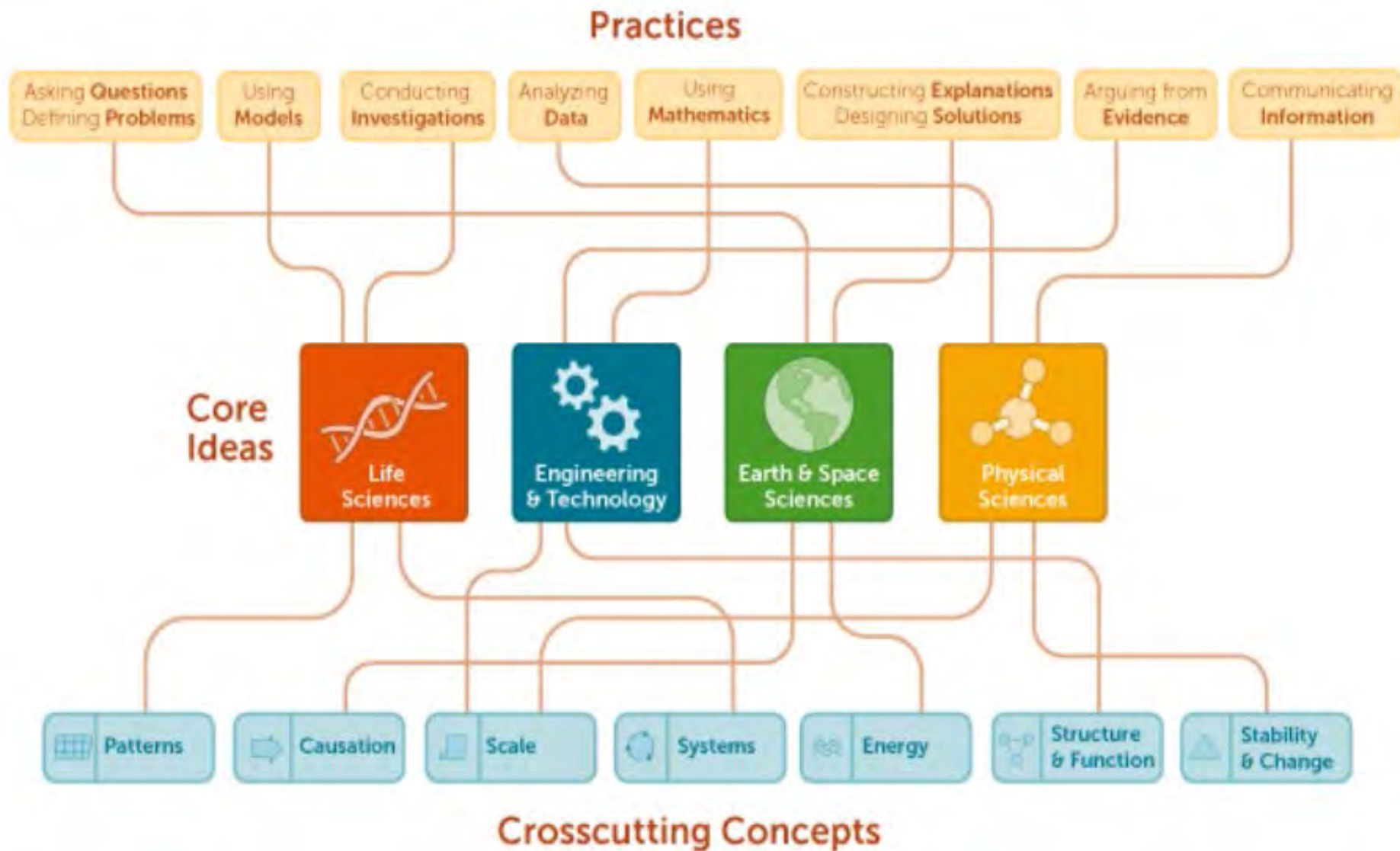
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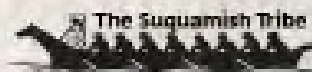
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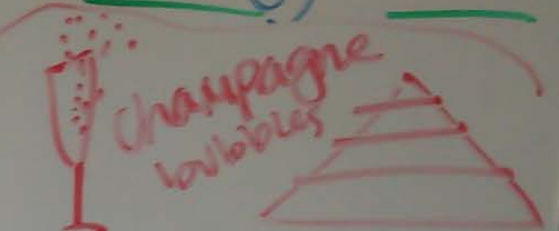
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- evolution
- adaptation
- Physiology's development

Unit 5

Ocean acidification Δs
biotic responses for survival →



CO₂ atmosphere

of critical components
of Marine ecosystem

Virtual Urchin*

Chem & bio affect each other

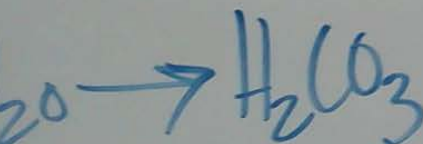
HOLD YOUR BREATH

Key Stone species - food web

Measure of acidity

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is less available for
skeleton formation

- habitat
- eel grass!
- predator / prey

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Maintainance

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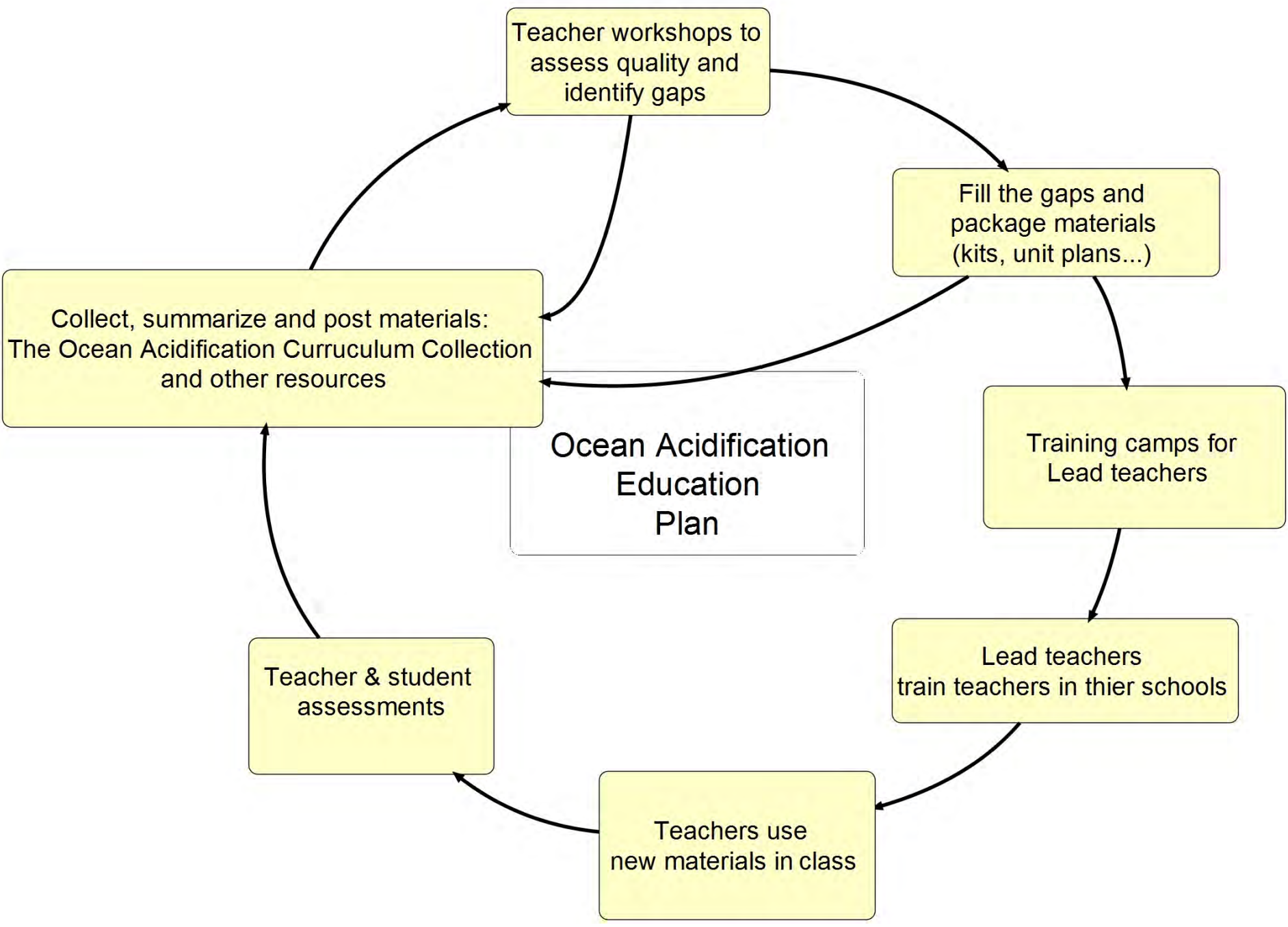
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LT5: How could ecosystem services to human communities be affected?



Greenhouse gases don't just cause **GLOBAL WARMING...**

Meet a new threat:

OCEAN ACIDIFICATION



Scientists were thrilled when they realized that the ocean absorbs the greenhouse gas CO₂.

YAYYYY!

SCIENCE BOAT

Unfortunately, CO₂ mixed with water makes ACID.

AAAAAAH!!

SCIENCE BOAT

As the ocean becomes more acidic, the shells of sea animals dissolve.

oyster

As the ocean becomes more acidic, the shells of sea animals dissolve.

The acid also damages some animals' senses.

sea urchin

clownfish

coral

This is very bad for ocean creatures

including us.

Since the 18th century, the ocean's surface waters have become 30% more acidic.

And the process is accelerating...
In the coming decades it'll reach deeper into the sea,
changing life as we know it.

So what can you do?

1 Throw an antacid into the sea.

Tasty but ineffective.

X

2 Do nothing. Years later, regale children with your memories of the sea.

It was full of fish!

what!

X

3 Write a letter or email to a politician and express your concern.

Easy

Lazy

Surprisingly effective

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