

Finding Answers in the Clouds – Reasoning Guide G/T

Complete the Reasoning Guide **in pencil** by marking an X for the column(s) to which the statement applies. Under “**reasoning**,” write why that statement is an argument or a piece of evidence. Highlight support in the article for each statement, and number your highlighted support to match the statement.

Argument	Evidence	Inference	Statement and Reasoning:
_____	_____	_____	1. Pollution is good for Earth because it is keeping the planet cooler. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	2. Scientific airplanes are used to take measurements of solar radiation, cloud-drop size, turbulence and other characteristics in the atmosphere. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	3. Smoke from power plants, automobiles, factories and other man-made sources contribute particles to the formation of brown clouds. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	4. The Maldives have brown clouds because India became industrialized so rapidly. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	5. Scientists are researching the impacts of pollution on albedo. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	6. Greater amounts of pollution increase atmospheric albedo. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	7. In the long run, a stable climate for Earth is more important than human health. Reasoning: _____ _____

Pollution Speeds up Snow Melt in Europe and Asia – Reasoning Guide G/T

Argument	Evidence	Inference	Statement
_____	_____	_____	1. Pollution is bad for the planet because it is darkening the snow and causing it to melt away faster. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	2. In the springtime, snow melts more quickly in Europe and Asia than in North America. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	3. It is believed that aerosols are responsible for the difference in rate of melt between European and Asian versus North American snow pack. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	4. The countries in Europe and Asia produce more aerosols than those in North America. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	5. Black carbon, mineral dust and organic matter decrease the albedo of snow by absorbing solar radiation. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	6. In Eurasia, both carbon dioxide and particulates contribute equally to warming temperatures. Reasoning: _____ _____
_____	_____	_____	7. In North America, aerosols contribute less towards global warming than atmospheric carbon dioxide. Reasoning: _____ _____