

Common District Assessment Cover Sheet  
M.S.A.D. #49

**Discipline:** Science

**Grade level/Course Title:** 10th Grade/General Biology, Lab Biology, Honors Biology

**Assessment Title:** Carrying Capacity

**Pacing:** 10 days during Ecology/Populations Unit

**Assessment Type:** Constructed Response

**Core Standard:** NGSS LS 2-1 Use mathematical and/or computational representations to support explanations of factors that affect carrying capacity of ecosystems at different scales.

**Assessment Summary:** 18 long answer science questions, math (not assessed but can be done to complete doubling time and averages, graph of human population)

**Suggested Assessment Time Frame:** 2 days

**Materials and Resources:** CDA, graph paper, calculators

**Required Prior Instruction:** The factors impacting the size of animal populations should be covered. Ways to control populations and places on planet having population issues covered. Many students have had a social studies unit that covers some of these questions so it is good review. Suggested Activities: Population! The Board Game, Bill Nye population video, Research two countries assignment, Forest Biological Inventory Lab (2 classes) Invasive Species Project, Easter Island Article.

**Suggested Prior Instructional Time:** 10 days

**Teacher Directions for Assessment Administration:** Depending on level and timeframe, teachers can walk the students through the math parts as a class, provide a pre-made human population graph (general or lab biology) or choose to have students complete the math and graphs independently (honors bio). The math is not part of the rubric/standard's 1,2,3,4 grade. The 18 science questions are the ones assessed for the rubric. Teachers should use the Instructor Rubric as they grade the work and check-off which concepts the students cover in their answers. Do not hand out the Instructor Rubric, but staple to student's assessment after recording grade.



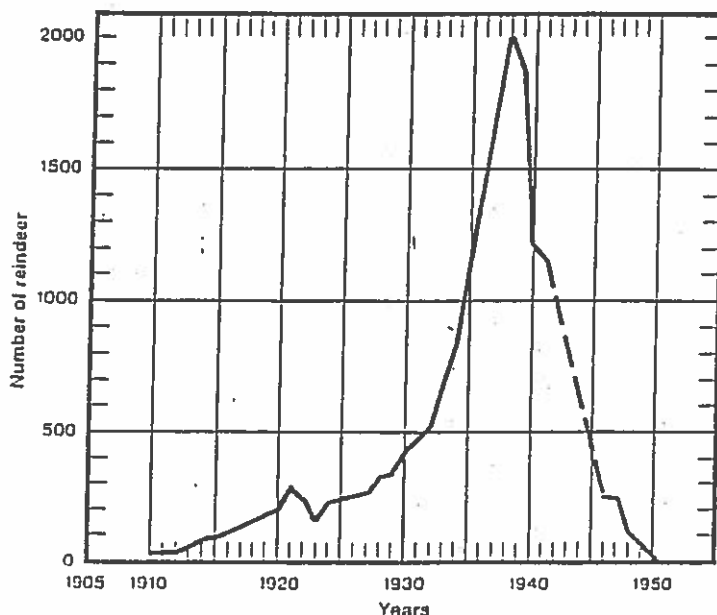
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### Population Growth Lab

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### Part A: Reindeer Population

**Background Information:** In 1911, 25 reindeer (4 males and 21 females) were brought to Saint Paul Island, off the coast of Alaska. Saint Paul Island is approximately 41 square miles and more than 200 miles out in the ocean from Alaska. On Saint Paul Island, there were no predators of the reindeer, and no hunting of reindeer was allowed. The graph below indicates what happened to the reindeer population on the island between 1911 and 1950. Use the graph to answer the Data Questions.





**Data Questions:** Refer to the graph to help you answer 1-6.

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B. What was the size of the population in 1920? \_\_\_\_\_  
C. What was the difference in the number of reindeer between 1911 and 1920? \_\_\_\_\_  
D. What was the average yearly increase in population between 1911 and 1920? \_\_\_\_\_
2. A. What was the difference in the population between 1920 and 1930? \_\_\_\_\_  
B. What was the average yearly increase from 1920 to 1930? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the average yearly increase between 1930 and 1938? \_\_\_\_\_
4. During the three different periods (1911-1920, 1920-1930, and 1930-1938), which period had the greatest increase in reindeer?
5. A. What was the greatest number of reindeer found on Saint Paul Island between 1910 and 1950?  
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- B. In what year did that number occur? \_\_\_\_\_
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4. Consider all the factors an organism requires to live. What might have happened on the island to cause the change in the population between 1938 to 1950?
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  - A. Beginning in 1911, when did that population double?
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  - C. List the time (in years) it took to double each time.
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7. What evidence is there to indicate that the deer had exceeded the island's carrying capacity?
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  - A. What conclusions can you draw about a population that has uncontrolled growth?
  - B. What difference would you expect if a predator were present or if hunting were allowed?





## Part B: Human Population

### Procedure:

- Using graph paper and the table below, set up a human population growth graph.

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1920	1800		

Continue graphing 1930 -2010

- Use your graph to answer the question
  - How many years did it take the population of 1 A.D. to double? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Is the amount of time it takes the human population to double increasing or decreasing?  
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  - What does that tell you about how fast the human population is growing?
- Extend your graph to the year 2010. What do you estimate the human population will be that year?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Use the equation below to estimate the doubling time for the current population based on the population growth from 1980 to 1985. In what year will the present population double? \_\_\_\_\_

Show your math:

$$A. \text{ Rate of growth} = \frac{(\text{Population in 1985} - \text{population in 1980}) \times 100}{(\text{population in 1980} \times 5)}$$

$$B. \text{ Doubling time (years)} = \frac{70}{\text{Rate of growth (plug in answer from A)}}$$

- What year will 1985's population size of 4850 million double to 9700 million? \_\_\_\_\_



**Discussion Questions:**

Note: Answer these on lined paper.

1. Explain at least two similarities you see between the reindeer population graph and the human population graph?
2. What are the three or four most important factors required to sustain (support) a population?
3. A. Explain how the earth similar to an island such as Saint Paul?  
(provide at least two similarities)  
B. Does the earth have a carrying capacity? Explain your answer.
4. What might happen to the population of humans on earth if the present growth continues?
5. A. Provide **at least three ways** to reduce the growth rate of the human population?  
B. In your opinion, which of those methods would be most acceptable to society?
6. Cite a city or country (outside the United States) where population growth is a problem today.  
What problems does that place have?
7. Cite a place within the United States where population growth is a problem today.  
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8. Cite a place in the world where population growth is not a problem today. Why is it not a problem?
9. Explain two **environmental problems** that happen when there is a high human population?
10. What everyday steps can humans take to prevent a human population crash?



**Student's Rubric**

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### Instructor's Rubric

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		Correctly explains fewer than <b>5</b> factors that affect population size.	Correctly explains <b>6-9</b> factors that affect population size.	<b>Correctly explains 10-12 factors that affect population size.</b>

Students comprehend these concepts (check as many that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration/Emigration/Hunting/Predators not a factor in reindeer part | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration and Emigration                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natality   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pollution  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mortality  | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources depleted                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food and Water Supply/Famine   | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental health                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carrying Capacity understood   | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Loss                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting or Predators will help balance the population                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Disease  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weather /Natural Disasters   | <input type="checkbox"/> War  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter/Space/Breeding Grounds   | <input type="checkbox"/> Supply and Demand                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ratio of Males to Females  | <input type="checkbox"/> What methods we can do to extend carrying capacity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth control  | <input type="checkbox"/> - recycle, less consumption, become vegetarians    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education  |   |

Other concepts understood:

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### Data Questions: Part A

- 1.) a: 25 reindeer  
b: 200 reindeer  
c: About 175 reindeer  
d: About 19 reindeer a year (19.4 rounded down)

- 2.) a: a little over 200 reindeer  
b: About 20 reindeers a year

- 3.) About 200 reindeer a year

- 4.) During the three different periods, 1930-1938 at the greatest increase in reindeer. It had about 200 reindeer a year, or about a 1600 reindeer increase.

- 5.) Greatest number of reindeer found: about 2,000  
Year which it occurred: 1938

- 6.) Average yearly decrease from 1938-1950: 166 reindeer

### Assessment Questions:

- 1.) Immigration and Emigration couldn't have played a major role in determining the reindeer's population size. Saint Paul Island is more than 200 miles out in the ocean from Alaska. The reindeer could not leave after being brought there because they can't swim 200 miles in the ocean. Also, nothing else can come to Saint Paul, because they can't swim to it. The only way more reindeer could travel to or from is if they were brought.

2.) There was no tremendous increase in population until 1930-1938. This could be due to the small number of males that started the population. With only 4 males at the beginning, it took a while for the population to grow. After it had grown some, however, in about 1930, there must have been plenty of males and females to continue repopulating.

3.) 2000 deer would have an enormous effect on the vegetation of the island. They all would need to eat, and would be consistently be eating the plants/vegetation of Saint Paul Island. This would eventually cause a major decrease in vegetation size and also might end up extinguishing the vegetation for a time being.

4.) The reindeer population decreased all the way from 2000 reindeer to only 8 from 1938 to 1950. This could be because of the decrease in vegetation that would occur with 2000 reindeer on the island. With 2000 reindeer, they would eat all of their food. Without enough food, reindeers would start to starve and die off. Lastly, with reindeers dying off and vegetation still needing to grow back, the population would decrease immensely. (2000 to 8)

5.) If there are 8 reindeers left in 1950, and some are female while others are male, the population could slowly start to increase once again. The community would be as it was at the start and try to repopulate again. We could expect the same trend: start off repopulating slowly, increase population speed, reach Carrying Capacity, decrease population, and restart once again.

6.) a: 1913

b: 1913 doubles in 1915

1915 doubles in 1920

1920 doubles in 1930

1930 doubles in 1932

1932 doubles in 1935

1935 doesn't double

c: 2 years

5 years

10 years

12 years

3 years

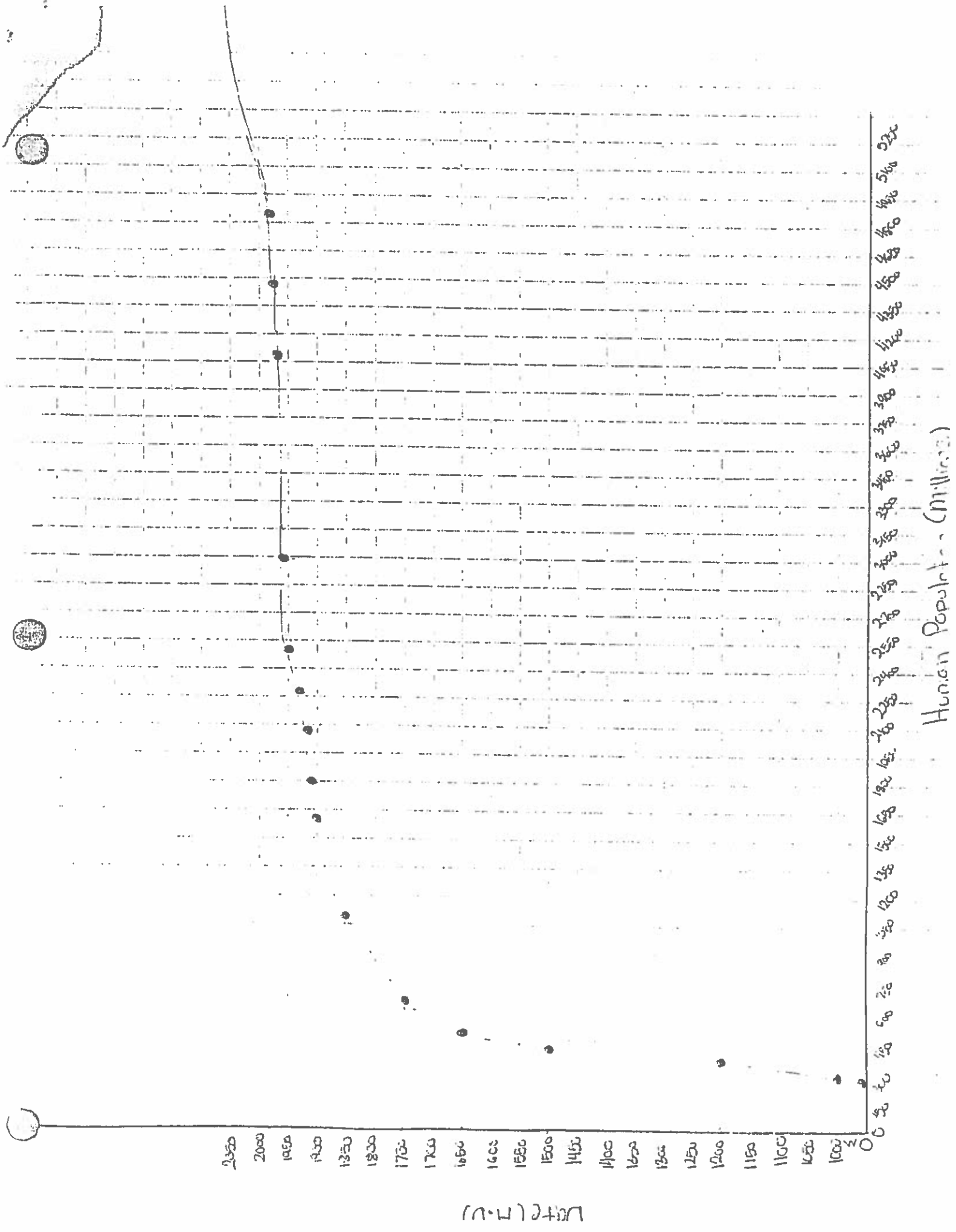
d: the doubling time varied throughout the years. It increased for about 4 doubling years, and then slowed to no longer doubling when it reached the carrying capacity. It could eventually start doubling again if the population begins to increase once again.

7.) There was a lot of evidence to indicate that the deer had exceeded the island's carrying capacity. The main piece of evidence was that the

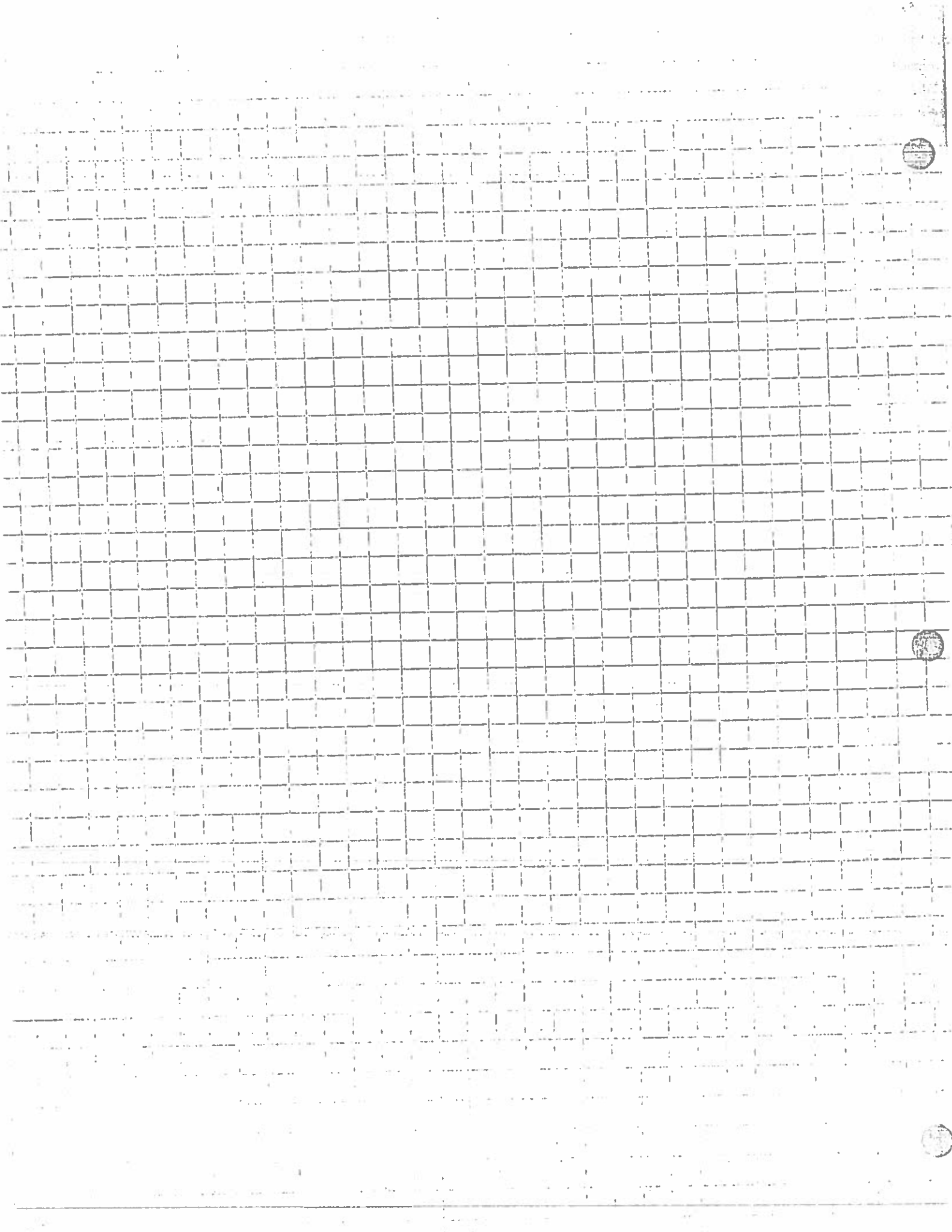
deer started to decrease in numbers. One of the only reasons this could have happened is if their food source began to run out. The island could no longer keep up with feeding the deer and therefore the deer had met their carrying capacity. Also, the deer did not reach 2000 once again.

8.1 a: There are a few conclusions I can draw about a population with uncontrolled growth. To start, I can conclude that with no hunting, predators, or emigration/immigration, the population will keep growing until it reaches the carrying capacity. Plus, it will then decrease tremendously and then most likely increase eventually and restart the process. Without controlled growth, the population won't stay even and will fluctuate tremendously, going from a really low number of deer, to the carrying capacity, back to a really small population.

b: If a predator were present or if hunting were allowed, the population would most likely decrease. Hunting the deer would definitely decrease the population, and the higher amount of hunters, the more the deer decreasing rate would get higher. The predators, however, would only decrease the deer population, but after there is balance, they would not control the deer population. In fact, the deer population would control their's. (Food control, predator)



Human Populat. - (Millions)



## Part B: Human Population

1.) Graph attached

2.) a: The population had doubled from 1 AD by 1750, so about 1754 years. (it was doubled between 650 + 1750)

b: the amount of time it takes for the population to double is decreasing.

c: The human population is increasing at a higher rate. More people are being born every year and people are living for more years.

3.) I estimate that the population for 2010 will be between 5 million and 6 million people. To be more exact, I guess 5,300 people.

4.) The doubling time for the current population is in 2049.

$$a: \frac{(4850 - 4450) \cdot 100}{(4450 \cdot 5)} \rightarrow \frac{40,000}{22250} = 1.798$$

$$b: \frac{70}{1.798} = 38.93$$

$$2010 + 39 = 2049 \quad 1985 + 39 = 2024$$

c: in 2024

## Discussion Questions:

1.) The human population graph and the deer population graph were similar in a few ways. For instance, both graphs have a section of line that is slowly increasing, however they are in different time periods. Also, they both had a section where the populations increased quickly, but again, they were in different spots. Overall,

the graphs were similar, but not at all the same.

2.) There are four most important factors to sustain a population. These include reproduction, food source, predators, and climate. Reproduction allows the population to grow and continue living. This is the Natality rate of the population. Food source allows the population to eat and therefore have energy. Climate also allows the population to either live thoroughly and long, a good climate for the species, or die and decrease in numbers, a bad climate or a natural disaster. Lastly, predators can affect the Mortality rate of the population, they kill off portions.

3) a: The Earth is similar to the island Saint Paul. For instance, they both hold a population that increases and decreases with time. (Saint Paul has deer and Earth has humans.) Also, they both don't have predators, but their populations have fluctuated down due to other reasons (Humans fluctuate due to murder, natural disasters, disease, etc. and deer fluctuate due to their carrying capacity, food supply, etc.) Lastly, both also have a carrying capacity, but Earth hasn't reached its yet.

b: The Earth has a carrying capacity. Like any other land holding a population, the Earth can only hold, feed, and sustain so many humans and animals. Eventually, we will run out of food.



space, etc. Overall, if we keep increasing as we are, we will overflow the Earth and reach our limit, or carrying capacity.

4.) Several things might occur to the population on Earth if our growth continues. To begin, we can run low on food. This would increase the price of grocery items, and put some families in a situation where they can't afford a home and food. Homeless families and people in general would increase, and our economy would be in a bad condition. Also, areas could begin fighting for space and land. Wars could break out. Lastly, the environment could be greatly affected. In a search for land, we could clear out forests, burn them down, inhabit too many areas, pollute with light and garbage, and use trees to build more homes.

5.) a: There are some ways we could reduce population growth on Earth, but most wouldn't be acceptable to society. One way would be if people who did not want a child, didn't have a baby. There are a large number of orphans that can be raised inappropriately or not at all, and then might follow in their biological parents' footsteps. Another way to reduce population is to not provide free health care in America (or other countries) for everyone. This would allow people to strive to get healthcare, but people who don't care to pay for healthcare wouldn't necessarily live as long as others. Another way to reduce population growth on Earth is to

urge people to adopt children who have already been born, rather than to have many kids of their own. Parents could still birth a child of their own, but also adopt. A final possible way to reduce population growth is to restrict certain people from having children. Normal citizens would not be restricted, but those committed of extreme felonies or of abuse in the past would not be allowed to have a child.

b: In my opinion, the method that would be most accepted by society would be the idea of adoption promotion. Society doesn't want to be restricted at all, and this idea is just promotion. Even though this idea is probably the least effective, it would be most accepted because not many people want to accept that we have a population issue.

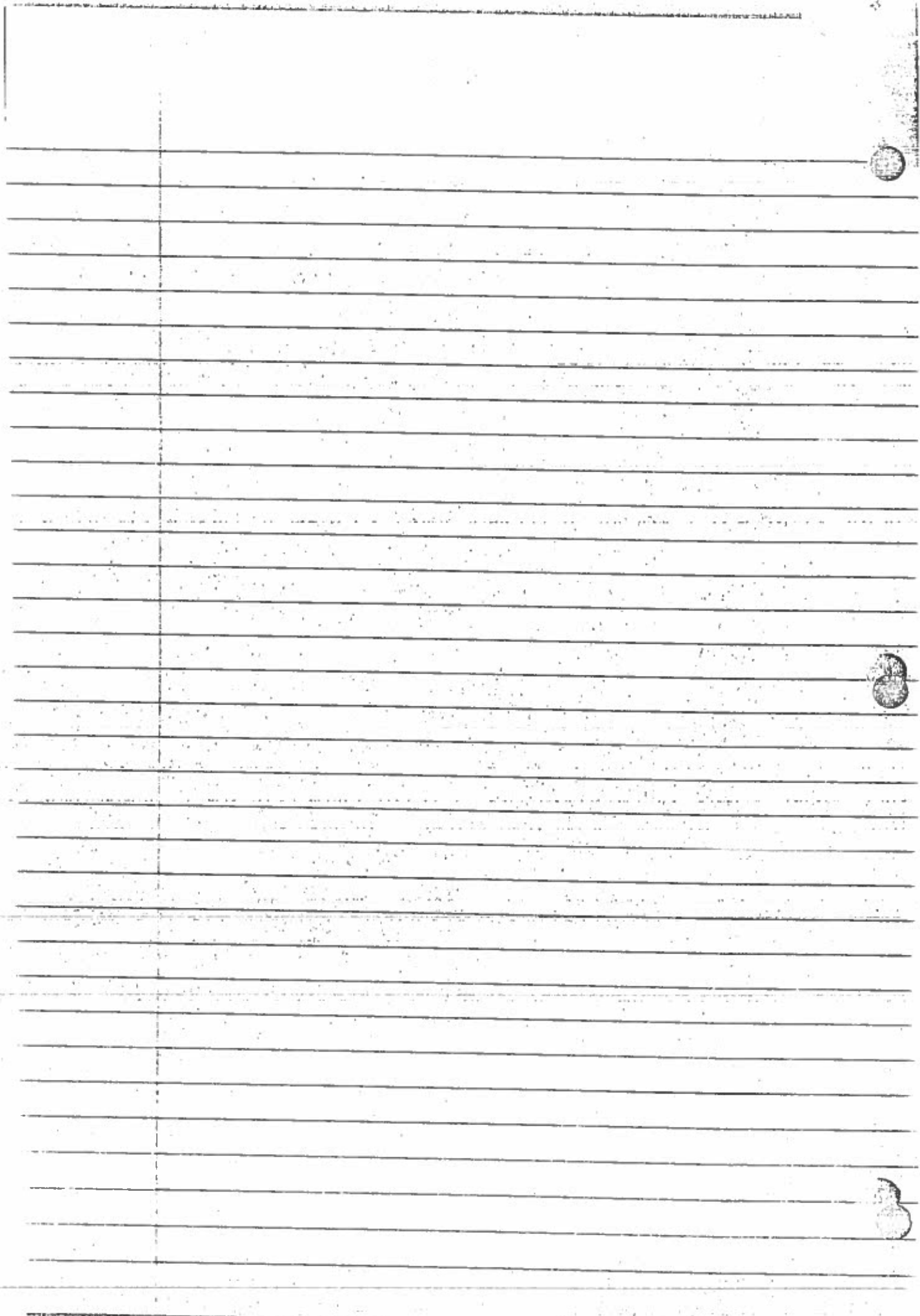
6.) China has a population growth problem, and even though they have children birth limits per couple, they still have issues. One of their major issues is pollution. They have to feed and employ their citizens, so there are many factories that pollute the air. Also, China still has issues employing everyone.

7.) New York has had a population growth issue. Problems that have arisen are traffic and unemployed citizens. Traffic in New York is horrendous for outsiders and there are high numbers of homeless and unemployed citizens with New York.

8.) Hamburg, Germany is a place in the world where there is not a population problem. It is not an issue because no one is wishing to immigrate to Hamburg, but a tremendous amount of people have emigrated out. People emigrated for a different climate, different possibilities, and because, overall, Hamburg is not the ideal living place.

9.) There are a few environmental problems that arise with a high population. To start, people may clear out forests in order to inhabit more areas. Also, air pollution occurs due to the amount of cars, factories, etc. A final example of an environmental issue that occurs with a high population is light pollution. Light pollution occurs because of all of the lights (artificial) that a high population of people use.

10.) There are a few everyday steps we, as an individual, can take to prevent a population crash. We can raise our children to the best of our abilities, adopt, help others, not waste food, conserve water, recycle, be employed, and also work to the best of our ability.



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Population Growth-Reindeer

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No. It was not possible ~~that~~ they were on an Island

2. What might account for the tremendous increase in the population of the reindeer between 1930-1938, as compared to the growth rate during the first few years the reindeer were on the island?

The more reindeer there are the more reproduce

3. What effect might 2000 deer have on the vegetation of the island?

The Veg on the Island would go down dramatically with all the reindeer.

4. Consider all the factors an organism requires to live. What might have happened on the island to cause the change in the population between 1938 to 1950?

The Island reached it's carrying capacity after 2000 reindeer. The island could not support enough vegetation to feed them all.

5. In 1950, 8 reindeer were still alive. If some of those were males and some were females, what do you predict would happen to the population in the next few years?

With only 8 reindeer that would give the vegetation time to come back and the reindeer population would slowly go back up

6a. Beginning in 1911, when did that population double?

1913 1915 ~~1917~~

6b. Now do the same for the population in that year, when did it double? Continue until it does not double again, list those years.

1915 - 1919 - 1930 - 1938 - 1950 1940

6c. List the time (in years) it took to double each time.

2 4 11 8 10

6d. What happened to the doubling time between 1911 and 1938?

It increased

7. What evidence is there to indicate that the deer had exceeded the island's carrying capacity?

The population ~~dropped~~ ~~dropped~~ dropped

8a. What conclusions can you draw about a population that has uncontrolled growth?

That eventually the island would not be able to support an uncontrolled growth

8b. What difference would you expect if a predator were present or if hunting were allowed?

They wouldn't have gotten so populated and drastically decreased.

1. What similarities do you see between the reindeer population graph and the human population graph?

They both spiked up in Population

2. What are the three or four most important factors required to sustain a population?

Water  
Food  
Space  
mates

3a. In what ways is the Earth similar to an island such as St. Paul? (provide at least two similarities)

They Both use a lot of resources  
and The Population goes up

3b. Does the Earth have a carrying capacity? Explain your answer.

Yes of course every place does. eventually we would run out of resources

4. What might happen to the population of humans on earth if the present growth continues?

There would be way to many people and not enough of resources to sustain the people

5a. Provide at least three ways to reduce the growth rate of the human population?

1 Sickness  
2 limiting the amount of children a couple can have  
3 War

5b. In your opinion, which of those methods would be most acceptable to society?

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6. Cite a city or country (outside the United States) where population growth is a problem today. What problems does that place have?

China - There are too many people having kids

7. Cite a place within the United States where population growth is a problem today. What problems does that place have?

Los Angeles - it's over populated in the  
LA area

8. Cite a place in the world where population growth is not a problem today. Why is it not a problem?

Sahara desert - it's too hot and dry to live  
there

9. Explain two environmental problems that happen when there is a high human population?

Water Pollution      Light Pollution  
and <sup>solid waste</sup> Garbage Pollution

10. What everyday steps can humans take to prevent human population crash?

By using all our Resources up  
and not wasting them

good  
answers



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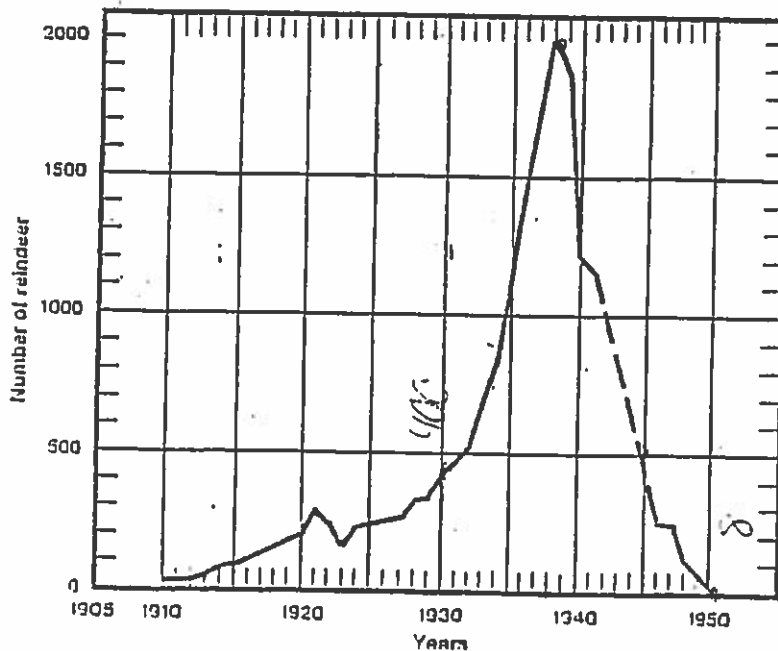
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Handwritten notes: 1911-1939, 1939-1950

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B. What was the size of the population in 1920? 200  
C. What was the difference in the number of reindeer between 1911 and 1920? 175  
D. What was the average yearly increase in population between 1911 and 1920? 12
  
2. A. What was the difference in the population between 1920 and 1930? 200  
B. What was the average yearly increase from 1920 to 1930? 20
  
3. What was the average yearly increase between 1930 and 1938? 200
  
4. During the three different periods (1911-1920, 1920-1930, and 1930-1938), which period had the greatest increase in reindeer? 1930-1938
  
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2. Use your graph to answer the question

A. How many years did it take the population of 1 A.D. to double? 1444 years

B. Is the amount of time it takes the human population to double increasing or decreasing?

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C. What does that tell you about how fast the human population is growing? it's slow growth

3. Extend your graph to the year 2010. What do you estimate the human population will be that year?

7,500 humans

4. Use the equation below to estimate the doubling time for the current population based on the population growth from 1980 to 1985. In what year will the present population double? 2015

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$$\frac{40,000}{22,250} = 1.79$$

B. Doubling time (years) =

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- C. What year will 1985's population size of 4850 million double to 9700 million? 2024

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3. A. Explain how the earth similar to an island such as Saint Paul?  
(provide at least two similarities)  
B. Does the earth have a carrying capacity? Explain your answer.
4. What might happen to the population of humans on earth if the present growth continues?
5. A. Provide at least three ways to reduce the growth rate of the human population?  
B. In your opinion, which of those methods would be most acceptable to society?
6. Cite a city or country (outside the United States) where population growth is a problem today. What problems does that place have?
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8. Cite a place in the world where population growth is not a problem today. Why is it not a problem?
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## Assesment Questions Dorinda Whitman

1. Emmeigrating could affect the population because the reindeer may not be used to the climate so it takes a while to adjust
2. The amount of food
3. They might eat a lot of it.
4. They could have ran out of food or not have freshwater
5. It would grow
6. 1913
7. the population drops
8. a. It will reach maximum capacity  
b. It won't reach maximum capacity.

## Discussion Questions

1. the populations start slow then increase rapidly. They increased fast in the 1900's.
2. Food, water, reproduction
3. a. there new lands on Earth, were alone.  
b. earth's population does not grow as fast as it used to on an island.  
b. yes, if we had 10 billion people, per se, we wouldn't have enough food or freshwater for everyone.
4. We might ever plateau
5. a. have a child limit like China, or put people on birth control, or virus.  
b. birth control
6. China they are over populated and as a solution put a child limit to families

7. Washington DC. not enough food or jobs and lots of homeless people

8. London. They have enough resources,

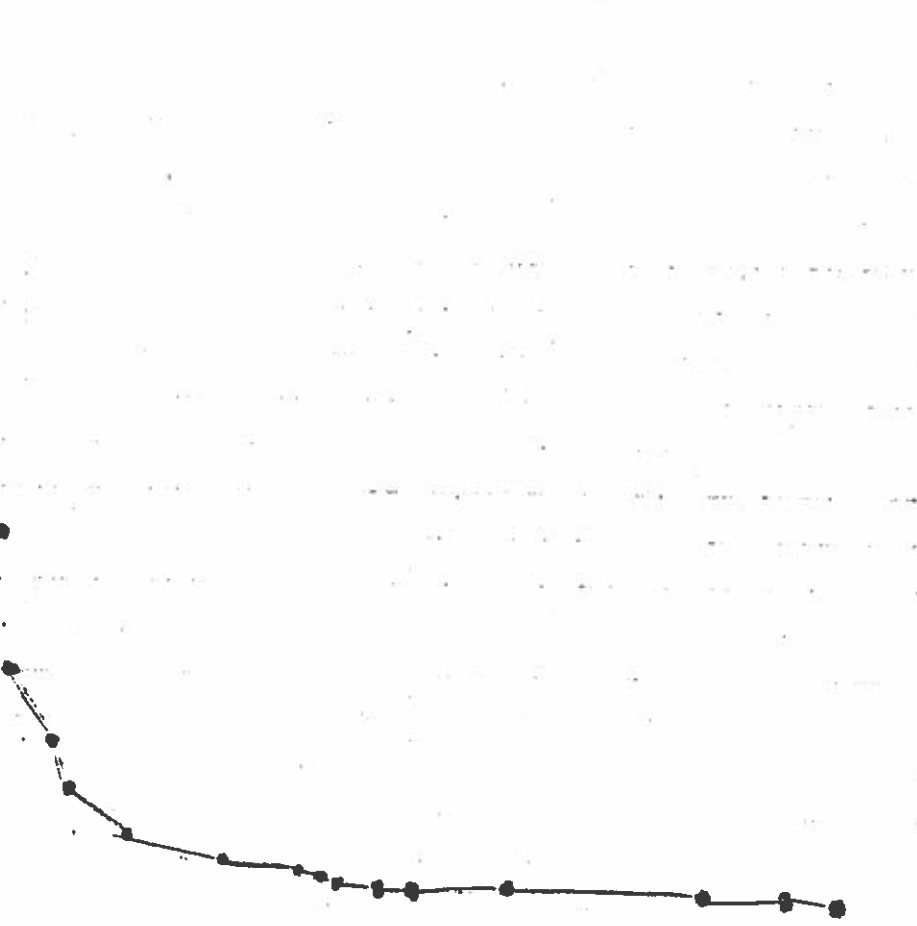
9. Food reduction, and droughts.

10. Birth control

# Population.

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Population Growth-Reindeer

Assessment Questions: Remember what you need to do to meet and exceed the standard. Use complete sentences and explain each question. Read the opening Background Information again and use the graph to help you.

1. Could immigration or emigration have played a major factor in determining the total population size of the reindeer herd after they were introduced to Saint Paul Island? Explain your answer.

The population grew because of all of the women

2. What might account for the tremendous increase in the population of the reindeer between 1930-1938, as compared to the growth rate during the first few years the reindeer were on the island?

the mom had more reindeer

3. What effect might 2000 deer have on the vegetation of the island?

not enef sas of food

4. Consider all the factors an organism requires to live. What might have happened on the island to cause the change in the population between 1938 to 1950?

5. In 1950, 8 reindeer were still alive. If some of those were males and some were females, what do you predict would happen to the population in the next few years?

the lack of food and space

6a. Beginning in 1911, when did that population double?

1914

6b. Now do the same for the population in that year, when did it double? Continue until it does not double again, list those years.

until 1938

6c. List the time (in years) it took to double each time.

1914

1914

6d. What happened to the doubling time between 1911 and 1938?

It dropped

1914

7. What evidence is there to indicate that the deer had exceeded the island's carrying capacity?

when they died fast when levels of food were low!!

8a. What conclusions can you draw about a population that has uncontrolled growth?

The water and food

8b. What difference would you expect if a predator were present or if hunting were allowed?

less deer

Population Growth-Humans  
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they grow in size and we do to.

2. What are the three or four most important factors required to sustain a population? <sup>How do we make more people?</sup>

space votes food water.

3a. In what ways is the Earth similar to an island such as St. Paul? (provide at least two similarities)

Food and water. The rain here can not <sup>close</sup> <sup>parade</sup> get off

3b. Does the Earth have a carrying capacity? Explain your answer.

yes because of space and water. <sup>closed system</sup> → <sup>limits</sup> <sup>not cont</sup> resources soon

4. What might happen to the population of humans on earth if the present growth continues?

over growth = the rian here get killed off

5a. Provide at least three ways to reduce the growth rate of the human population?

low mating rates

5b. In your opinion, which of those methods would be most acceptable to society? <sup>re-educate the children</sup>

FOOD

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Over mate

Be sure to answer the question completely!

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