

Who Killed the Electric Car? Video Discussion Questions

1. Create a table that outlines the positions of the major “suspects” from the video
2. What was the Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate?
3. Why was the ZEV Mandate killed?
4. Why does the video let the batteries off the hook?
5. Why consider the fuel cells guilty? Isn't it just another technology that might help us clean the air in the long run?
6. How can any technology, like hydrogen fuel cells or batteries be a suspect in the video?
7. Is an electric car actually a zero emission vehicle? Explain your answer.
8. Why are other gas-alternative fuels not mentioned in the video?
9. Is the electric car really dead? Explain your answer.
10. How does the multi-billion dollar automotive bailout fit into this discussion? Explain.
11. Given the information provided in the film, do you believe you will be able to buy a hydrogen-powered car in the next 10 years? 20 years? Ever? Why/why not?
12. What one assertion in the film do you disagree with? Why?
13. What one assertion in the film troubles you the most? Why?
14. In your own words, explain why the car manufacturers collected and destroyed the electric vehicles.
15. Should the world oil supply be: 1) divided evenly according to population, 2) given to those able to pay the highest price, or 3) reserved for developing nations? Explain your response