

## Canadian Oil Boom

1. Identify the following FACTS from the article.

- a) Name the town in Alberta that is the center of the development.
- b) How many barrels of oil are extracted a day?
- c) How many barrels of oil are thought to be held in the oil sands?
- d) How much carbon dioxide is emitted every year from the tar sands development?
- e) What is the land area currently under development?
- f) How much of the US's oil do we supply?
- g) Why does the rate of oil sands development fluctuate?
- h) What do 71% of Albertans believe?

### Long Answer Discussion Questions.

- 2. How is oil extracted from the tar sands?
- 3. Why is the tar sands called the World's Dirtiest Oil?
- 4. Why does the article compare the extraction process to 'turning gold into lead'?
- 5. Discuss 5 major environmental impacts of the tar sands development.
- 6. How has life changed for people traditionally living in Northern Alberta?
- 7. What is your opinion about whether the tar sands should be developed. Defend your position.