

**Historic Pollution in the Hudson River: Reading**

1. Read the excerpt from the New York Times' 1884 article "Albany's Dangerous Basin."
2. Why were members of the boat clubs complaining?

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3. What is deposited into the Albany Basin?

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4. Where does Albany city get its water?

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5. What recommendation did Mr. Gardiner, Director of the New York State Survey, make regarding Albany? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What do you think of this situation?

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7. Read the excerpt from the New York Times' 1890 article "A Poor Sewerage System."

8. What currently happens to the sewage from New York City?

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9. How much solid waste material is deposited annually into the harbor?

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10. What do you think the city should do?

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11. According to the synopsis, how did the city improve its water quality problems? What was the key piece of legislation that improved the water quality?

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12. What are some of the current problems in New York City?

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