

Week 2

Activity 4

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**Question:**

Spend some time reading Du Pisani, J.A. (2006) Sustainable development – historical roots of the concept. Environmental Sciences, June 2006; 3(2): 83 – 96, which you will find in this week's resources. This is a useful article in that it builds the story of the sustainable development concept, examining competing notions of development and conservation. Read through a few times, making some notes as you do.

**Answer**

From the article, I can highlight that one of the major challenge is that the tension between three elements economic growth, population growth, and environmental protection. For more illustration, as the paper shows, many scholars believe the three elements; population, economic, and environmental issues do not provide such clear and timely answers. In addition, our identification of the earth's carrying capacity cannot be as clear as it is for the rabbit population in an ecosystem. Additionally, other scientists would agree that economic and population growth systems are near or have already exceeded our earth's resources capacity. However, in the end the author indicate that we can reduce the risks of capacity overshoot by increasing the accuracy and timeliness of feedback on where we are relative to the earth's carrying capacity, and develop better ways of measuring in the future.