
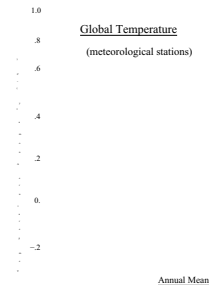


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2.1 Finding Patterns Tool for Earth Systems: How are Earth systems changing?

The graphs below show data about changes to Earth systems over time. In each row, write down your ideas about patterns you see in the data set (hint: you should have evidence for this). The final box in each row (in grey) is a place for you to write down ideas about what is causing this pattern (hint: you may not have evidence for this yet).

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Arctic Sea Ice 					
Global Temperature 					

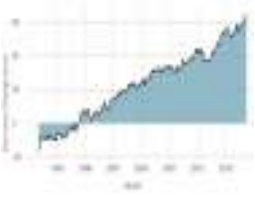
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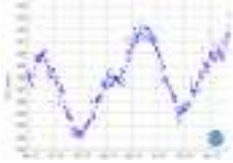


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Sea Level 					

Atmospheric CO ₂ – Three Year 					
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Your Group's Explanation: How do you think changes in these five Earth systems are related to each other?