

Hello all,

There is a brief summer assignment that I would like you to complete before we begin meeting together next year. We will have a Socratic Seminar with the questions on our first day back to school.

### **Directions**

1. Watch this youtube video entitled [David Christian: The History of Our World in 18 Minutes](#)
2. Complete the questions below
3. **Share with me your completed copy of the document by our first class meeting to [theresa.martin@student.dodea.edu](mailto:theresa.martin@student.dodea.edu) AND BRING A PRINTED HARD-COPY TO OUR FIRST CLASS.**

I hope you find this interesting!

Theresa Martin

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### **Basic Understanding Questions**

NOTE: It might help to pause the video when you're typing your responses to the questions.

#### **Minutes 1-4**

1. According to David Christian what trend has guided the development of the universe?
2. Describe what David Christian means by "Goldilocks Conditions." What happens to Goldilocks Conditions over time?

#### **Minutes 4 - 12:30**

3. List the events that, according to David Christian, have been the "threshold moments" in the history of the universe. Underneath each event explain why that moment was a turning point in the history of the universe.
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#### **Minutes 13 - End**

4. According to Christian, how was the appearance of our species different from prior threshold moments in the universe's history? In other words, what makes humans unique?
5. What events in Human history have created what Christian calls, "energy bonanzas"?
6. At the end, Christian refers to "this threshold moment in the history of our beautiful planet." What do you think he is referring to?

### **Application Questions**

1. **Identify and explain 1-2 "threshold moments" from your own life. What aspects of your life changed as you passed through that threshold moment? What key components of your life still continued?**
2. **What were the "goldilocks conditions" that enabled the threshold moments you describe in one to take place?**
3. **How do you think this video can be applied to help us understand World History?**