

These are short essay questions. Taking notes on a separate sheet of paper and then forming your final thoughts on this sheet will improve your thought process, which will improve your answers, which will improve your grade.

Answer in complete sentences using specific examples from the movie and your own opinions. (make sure to make it clear which is which)

1. Why do you think the court case about Erin's accident turned out the way it did? Could she have handled it any differently, and if so, would the outcome have changed?
2. Do you think Erin was dressed appropriately for her workplace? **Defend yourself with clear and logical reasoning.**

3. How many kinds of chromium are there? _____

Which kind of chromium is toxic? _____

Why did the electric company use hexovalent chromium?

Pretend you are a design engineer at PG&E and explain your point of view on the use of hexovalent chromium.

Bonus: Find out how regular chromium can do good things for the body. (5 pts)

4. The chemistry professor mentioned that the hexovalent chromium can cause problems for children of parents that are exposed to the toxic substance. How did he say it was possible and explain what he means.

5. What kind of symptoms did the people who lived in Hinkley show?

6. Why did the doctors tell the families in Hinkley that the chromium didn't have anything to do with their health problems?

7. Why did PG&E tell the families in Hinkley about the chromium at all if they knew it was toxic?