**Fresh Water Crisis Article Questions**

1. How many people have inadequate access to safe freshwater? By the midcentury how much of earth’s population could face scarcities of freshwater?
2. Why do scientists expect water scarcity to become more common?
3. What are the “broad and grave” consequences associated with not taking action to solve the water crisis?
4. Look at the graphic titled “Lots of Water, But Not Always Where It Is Needed.” Summarize the paragraph titled “Where Does the Rain Go?”
5. On average how much water does each person need at minimum?
6. What does the saying “Water usually runs downhill, but it always runs uphill to money” mean?
7. Explain what happened in the Murray-Darling River Basin.
8. Explain why demand for water rises with both population size and income level.
9. Why does the author believe that setting higher water prices will promote conservation of water?
10. Explain why focusing on “large consumers” will also help to conserve water.
11. Describe the idea of “shipping virtual water.”
12. What are some of the techniques that could be implemented to reduce the need for water-based sanitation services?
13. Explain the process of reverse osmosis and why the technology is limited.