

## **Petroleum Use Puzzle Activity.**

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Individual students get one of three problem sets to work on as a homework assignment. The page each student takes home has the questions in duplicate, and the student fills in the answers in duplicate. They hand in the top half of the page as they arrive at class; this gives them credit for doing the homework.

Class Exercise 1: Students with the same problem set get together at the beginning of the activity to compare answers and make sure they are taking the best possible information to the group activity.

Class Exercise 2: Students break into groups with at least one student having a different piece of the puzzle, and all three problem sets or “jigsaw pieces” represented in the group. They use the duplicate part of their homework sheet to answer the group questions. They turn in a collective answer sheet for the group questions at the end of the exercise.

### Problem Set 1

Answer the following questions using the U.S. Energy Information Administration website:  
<http://www.eia.doe.gov/basics/quickoil.html>

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

1. How much petroleum (i.e., oil and natural gas) does the U.S. **consume** daily? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. How much crude oil does the U.S. **produce** daily? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Problem Set 2

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<http://www.eia.doe.gov/neic/infosheets/petroleumreserves.html>

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1. What is meant by "proved reserves" of crude oil?
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Answer the following questions using the 2008 EIA Report "**Analysis of Crude Oil Production in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**".

[http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/servicerpt/anwr/pdf/sroiaf\(2008\)03.pdf](http://www.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/servicerpt/anwr/pdf/sroiaf(2008)03.pdf)

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4. What would cumulative production be through 2030? (see p. 8)

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(estimate from the thickness of the mean resource part of the graph - Fig. 2, pg 9)

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## Group Questions, Petroleum "Jigsaw"

NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

Your group should include one person who has finished each of the three homework "jigsaw pieces". Use the answers from each of these to answer the following questions. You may turn in one answer page for your group; include each members' name on your answer page. Show your work for full credit.

1. At the current consumption rate, how many days of US petroleum consumption would be supplied by the cumulative production of ANWR in the mean resource case?

2. At the current consumption rate, how many days of US petroleum consumption would be supplied by offshore California?

|   |              |              |             |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 3. Determine projections of US daily consumption in   | <u>2010,</u> | <u>2020,</u> | <u>2030</u> |
| For an increase of 200,000 b/d each year  | _____        | _____        | _____       |
| For an increase of 7% annually,<br>using your previous answer for 2010<br>as a starting point | _____        | _____        | _____       |

For *one* of the projections above, what percentage of US daily demand could be met by oil from ANWR in 2010? \_\_\_\_\_ ...in 2020? \_\_\_\_\_ ... in 2030? \_\_\_\_\_