



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

**1. What do you think? How has the rising cost of gasoline impacted your daily life? Compare the situations described in the article to your own experience? How are your experiences similar? How are they different?**

**2. What are some ways that you could change your own daily life to use less gas? How reasonable are some of these changes? Are there some things about your life that you would not change no matter how high gas prices become? Why?**

**3. Some environmentalists are happy about the rise in gas prices because the situation is forcing people to change their consumption habits. Do you think it is good that fewer people are driving, which means less crowded roads, fewer traffic accidents and less carbon dioxide in the air? Or do higher gas prices mean that only rich people can use cars and poorer people are forced to move and make sacrifices?**

**4. This article describes the impact that high gas prices are having on communities. Do a little research. Why are the prices rising? What might reduce the price of gas?**

Look to the NewsHour Transportation Archive for more information:

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/topic/transportation/>

**Extension Activity**

Write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.