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Considering the Cuyahoga

At a Kent State University symposium in 1969, researchers described the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland as follows:

“The surface is covered with the brown, oily film observed upstream as far as the Southerly Plant effluent. In addition, large quantities of black, heavy oil floating in slicks, sometimes several inches thick, are observed frequently. Debris and trash are commonly caught up in these slicks, forming an unsightly floating mess.”

“The lower Cuyahoga has no visible signs of life, not even low forms such as leeches and sludge worms that usually thrive on wastes.”

Added to Water	What I Think Will Happen	What Actually Happened
Oil		
Liquid soap		
Oil and soap		

List at least five ways you can help protect our rivers and streams.