Reading Questions for Introduction, in: A History of Sustainability

This is the link to the above chapter: <https://www.google.com/books/edition/Sustainability/G2vrAwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&pg=PP1&printsec=frontcover>

It is not the chapter 1 of our Sachs textbook – though we are reading that this week as well, and it has its own separate questions that are posted in Moodle.

What was Bill McKibben’s criticism of the use of the word sustainability?

What are other critiques of the word that are listed in the same paragraph?

The author writes that the practices inspired by the concept of sustainability could give rise to what? (please write out quote exactly as it appears in chapter)

The word is directly tied to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (hint – both words start with a c)

What is the meaning of the term Anthropocene, as described here?

Be familiar with the basic points in the long paragraph on page 4. We will probably cover some of this later.

What are things our “moribund” system has done, according to the last paragraph of page 4, regarding the “social” and the “economic?”

What then are the four words that sustainability is all about (including the two just above)?

“Nearly all of the definitions of sustainability that have circulated in recent years emphasized the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ point of view,” (which means what?)

Look at the diagrams in figures 2 and 3. Compare and contrast.

In looking at the rest of the chapter, I could easily write 20 or 30 questions to cover it well. I will resist that, as I have a tendency to get carried away. Please read it carefully, just trying to get an idea of the different ways that sustainability as a concept has be defined, discussed, utilized, etc…