**What is Big History Video Questions**

As you watch the video, “What is Big History?”, answer the following questions.

1. 1:28 David Christian emphasizes the importance of questions in the course. What are some of the questions he identifies?
2. 2:04 What is Big History?
3. 3:21 What kinds of questions did David Christian ask as a result of his thinking about the teaching of one country’s history? How did these questions lead him back to the origins of the Universe?
4. 4:08 What are origin stories?
5. 4:18 What is Big History? (Teacher note: This is the second time David Christian defines Big History. You can stop a second time for emphasis, or continue without stopping.)
6. 6:19 What are “thresholds of increasing complexity”?

**Conceptual Thinking Question**

Does knowing this—that even our modern day origin story is always evolving—change your thinking about how history works and how we understand the past?