Rubric for Determining Central Ideas: Scientific Documentary “Who Killed the Electric Car?”

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RST.9-10.2: Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a video; trace the video’s explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the video.

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