A Global History of the Age of Oil: Past, Present, and Future

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Lecture 1: Origins of Oil
In this module, we will explore the origins of oil and the scientific debates that have characterized our understanding of this critical resource.

Lecture 2: Finding and Extracting Oil
In this module, we will explore the history of how oil has been discovered and extracted in places across the world.

Lecture 3: Refining and Selling Oil
In this module, we will explore the development of oil refining technologies alongside the history of how different oil products have been sold to consumers across the world.

Lecture 4: Oil and the World Wars
In the first part of this module, we will explore the role that oil played in the strategy and fighting of the First World War. In the second part, we will explore the role that oil played in the strategy and fighting of the Second World War.

Lecture 5: Using Oil
In this module, we will examine the history of how oil has been used and consumed during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Lecture 6: Living With Oil
In this module, we will explore the history of oil in Canada, including aspects of discovery, extraction, production, trade, transportation, and consumption.

Field Trip (Optional): Canadian Museum of Science and Technology
In this field trip, participants will visit the museum to be taken on a private tour of the museum exhibitions and collections, led by the Curator of Natural Resources and Industrial Technologies.

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