William Ludlow's Plea for Clean Water

1. To whom is Ludlow writing? Why does he choose this audience?

2. What arguments does Ludlow make to show that Philadelphia needed a new water system? What solutions does he offer?

3. Ludlow argues that public health and water sanitation is perhaps the most important concern of the government. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of a public water authority vs. a private water authority?

4. Was water pollution an inevitable consequence of economic growth?