**Directions:** Look at the graph showing human population growth between 10,000 years ago and today, and then respond to the questions below. Be prepared to share your answers with your class.

1. How would you describe human population growth in the first 5,000 years represented in the graph?

2. How would you describe human population growth in the next 5,000 years represented in the graph?

3. What are two periods in the last 5,000 years where population rises and then drops or levels off?

4. Can you think of a reason for either of these instances of population drop or leveling off?

5. When did the most dramatic rise in human population begin?

6. How does this population rise compare to earlier ones?