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The American Experience PBS, Rachel Carson - *Silent Spring*
<https://www.pbs.org/video/american-experience-rachel-carson/>

1. What is a pesticide? What was the attitude towards pesticides 50 years ago?
2. Why was it unusual for Rachel Carson to work for the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries?
3. What was the reaction to her first article about synthetic pesticides?
4. What is DDT? What effect did it have when sprayed on insects?

5. Why was criticizing DDT controversial?

6. What was the general reaction to the publication of Carson's *Silent Spring*?

7. Why is Rachel Carson's work considered instrumental to the creation of Environmental Science & related regulatory agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)?