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SPECIALIST FOCUS QUESTIONS

Geologist: _____

What is the geologic story of how coal forms?
What are the different types of coal?

Geographer: _____

Which countries produce and consume the most coal?
How does coal mining and coal use affect society?

Coal Mining Engineer: _____

How do we currently remove coal from the earth?
What are some methods of making coal mining and coal use safer and healthier?

Environmental Officer: _____

What are the environmental and human issues associated with extracting and using coal?
What are the current efforts/solutions to these issues?

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