

## **TIMELINE**

Start of the modern environmental movement

1970

1980

The principal Earth Day event in 1980, held in Washington. D.C. across from the White House

This time, Earth Day went truly global, mobilizing 200 million people in 141 countries

1990

2000

5,000 environmental groups worldwide in 184 countries

Signing of the
Paris Agreement,
the most
significant
climate accord
in history

2016

2020

50th Anniversary of Earth Day

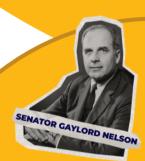
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Every year on **April 22**, Earth Day marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in **1970**.

Earth Day inspired **20 million** Americans to demonstrate against the impacts of 150 year of industrial development which had left a growing legacy of serious human health impacts.





Senator Gaylord Nelson and youth activist Dennis Hayes worked together to create a series of teach-ins across the the United States.

The teach-ins educated people about the harms of pollution and the need to protect the environment.

They called it Earth Day.