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Air pollution causes 7 million  
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**But we can fix it.**



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To Black American families, soil has never been simple. It represents dreams, loss, injustice, self-reliance.

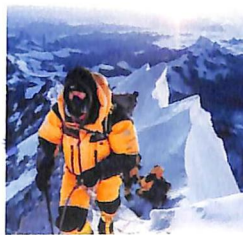
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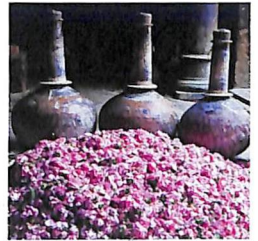
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Pollution causes millions of premature deaths.

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From her start in a Detroit church choir, Aretha Franklin (below) rose to global fame. Cynthia Erivo (above) plays the singing star in the Nat Geo series that debuts March 21.

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