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A: List the major ideas, concepts or key points- point by point

* *Causes of noise pollution include population growth, rural land to urban sprawl.*
* *EPA identified transportation as the most persuasive outdoor noise source*
* *Lack of anti-noise regulations, electronics, vehicles and airports are also considered as some of the reasons why noise pollution has increased*
* *Industries have high number of workers exposed to loud sounds: construction, agriculture, mining, manufacturing, utilities, transportation and military.*
* *30 million workers are exposed to hazardous sound levels on the job in USA*
* *Noise is a difficult problem to monitor*
* *There is no evidence to suggest things have gotten any quieter for residents*
* *Noise affect quality of life*
* *Secondhand noise is used to describe noise that is experienced by people who did not produce it.*
* *More than 100 million people in the United States are exposed to noise sources from traffic near their homes.*
* *Activists say that the effects on people are similar to secondhand smoke*
* *Secondhand noise can have a negative effect in the workplace.*
* *Workers get exposure to noise not from what they're doing but also from what is going on around them*
* *Electricians have a reputation as being a member of a quiet trade, but if they work near a jackhammer it would have a harmful effect*
* *There are household tools and appliances that can produce harmful sound levels.*
* *Exposure can actually change the structure of hair cells in inner ear, resulting in hearing loss.*
* *It can cause tinnitus, a ringing, roaring buzzing or clicking in the ears*
* *12 million Americans suffer from Tinnitus with 1 million experiencing it to the extent that it interferes with daily activities*
* *90% coal miners have hearing impairments by 52 compared to 9% of general population*
* *70% male metal/nonmetal miners will experience hearing impairment by 60.*
* *Females tend to have better hearing than males*
* *Hearing loss is irreversible*
* *Airports have become a flash point for community frustration over noise pollution.*
* *Europe and Asia are more advanced than the US in combating noise*
* *Noise Control Act of 1972 empowered the EPA to determine noise limits to protect the public health and welfare and to establish a noise control office.*

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B: Summarize the AUTHOR’s main point or idea- at LEAST 1-2 paragraphs
     Noise pollution affects all aspects of life from your daily life and also while you sleep. Noise is something that is created at any place in any time which makes humans vulnerable for noise pollution. From our sleep to our household to disturbing noises are part of our lives. When we’re exposed to them so often, overtime it will cause us to be hearing impaired. Noise pollution can cause tinnitus, and other hearing unrelated diseases like blood pressure, loss of sleep and some related to our brain. Some people are aware of the damage of noise pollution and are fighting it not to happen, so are some continents such as Europe and Asia. They are taking legal actions for preventing noise pollution.

C: Write a reaction paragraph to the article stating your own thoughts on the topic, using specific citations from the article to support your views
     In my opinion I think everyone knows noise pollution exists we just don’t give it the proper attention because it is not as obvious as other pollution. But the ironic thing is we are exposed to it almost in every single action we take from our activities to our kitchen to our sleep. Not only that but electronics making it worse. As an individual we should take care of our health.

**So what?**
Noise pollution causes not only hearing problem but also other major health related issues.

**Says who?**
William Luxford
Mark Stephenson

**What if...?**
Noise pollution can be prevented? It can be, we just have to make sure our environment is better.

**What does this remind of?**
Toxins, both are found in our household so it’s hard to prevent them 100%