Student Worksheet

DIRECTIONS
Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Use additional paper if necessary.

STORY
U.S. Economy's Troubles Hurt Alternative Energy Plans 10/24/08
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/july-dec08/energy_10-24.html

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS
1. What happened that could put development of renewable fuels at risk?

2. How are oil prices connected to how the overall economy is doing?

3. What is OPEC doing to try to drive oil prices up?

4. What are some of the reasons that alternative fuels were getting so much attention before gas prices dropped?

5. Why is it hard for alternative energy companies to get loans now?

6. Why might it be hard for either Obama or McCain to fund their alternative fuel proposals?