D. MEL Diagram Wetlands

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1. Before you build and complete your diagram, answer the following questions:

Why is it important to accurately evaluate connections between evidence and models? Check all the boxes that you think apply.

□ Accurately evaluating connections helps me check if models are supported by strong, relevant evidence.

□ Accurately evaluating connections helps me make sure that models align with popular opinions and trends.

□ Accurately evaluating connections helps me make scientific judgments about model truthfulness.

□ Accurately evaluating connections helps me identify gaps or inconsistencies in the evidence supporting the model.

Explain why you selected your choices above. What was your reasoning for the selections you chose?

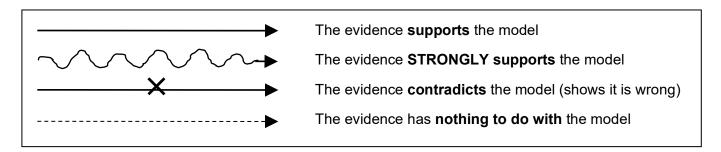
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2. Construct and complete your diagram

<u>Directions</u>: Draw 2 arrows from each evidence box, one to each model. You will draw a total of 8 arrows.

Key:



Evidence #1

Wetlands play a role in the global cycles of carbon, nitrogen, and sulfur. Wetlands change these nutrients into different forms necessary to continue their global cycles.

Evidence #2

Flooding is a natural occurrence in lowlying areas and wetlands are places where floodwaters can collect.

Model A

Wetlands provide ecosystem services that contribute to human welfare and help sustain the biosphere.

Model B

Wetlands are a nuisance to humans and provide little overall environmental benefit.

Evidence #3

Wetlands contribute 70 percent of global atmospheric methane from natural sources.

Evidence #4

Many wetlands are located in rapidly developing areas of the country.