2.1 Finding Patterns Tool for Earth Systems: How are Earth **Systems Changing?**

The graphs below show data about changes to Earth systems over time. In each row, write down your ideas about patterns you see in the data set (hint: you should have evidence for this). The final box in each row (in grey) is a place for you to write down ideas about what is causing this pattern (hint: you may not have evidence for this yet).

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Arctic Sea Ice					
Average Monthly Arctic Sea Ice Extent October 1979 - 2013					
Global Temperature					
Li Global Temperature (Intercological stations)					



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Sea Level		-			
Atmospheric CO ₂ – Two					
Year					
Atmospheric CO ₂ -					
Long Term					

Your Group's Explanation: How do you think changes in these Earth systems are related to each other?