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Approximately one billion tons of CO is lost each due to incomplete combustion of fuels. First compare the enthalpy of combustion of CO to that of H₂. Is CO a potential fuel? Then determine how many kilowatt hours of CO is lost every year.

You will need the following data.

$$\Delta_f H^\circ(\text{CO}_2) = -393.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta_f H^\circ(\text{CO}) = -110.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta_f H^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = -286 \text{ kJ/mol}$$