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These pop culture text sets attempt to represent not just a topic, but an issue within that topic, and sides of that issue. The text sets present multiple perspectives on an issue—as well as multiple levels of texts and multiple modalities. Some articles may need to be adapted for lower level readers, and some website text you may choose to move into Word and reformat so it is easier to read and has fewer distractors/ads. Be sure to capture the whole URL, without spaces for line-breaks, when you seek these online resources. Thanks to all the teachers who shared resources. If you have a bibliography you'd like to share with social studies teachers, please email us at: contact@readingandwritingproject.com.

Please keep in mind that websites are temporal and so might no longer be posted.

Bottled Water

Plastic Bottles & Ocean Pollution—great images of the ocean, sea creatures, and plastic bottle pollution. Text overlay (captions) and charts/graphs. (Con)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf5iHqT1Rzc>

International Bottled Water Association: Which is safer? Bottled water or tap water? (Pro).

<http://www.bottledwater.org/health/bottled-water-vs-tap-water>

This article looks at the consumption of bottled water, the waste that is created by the plastic bottles, and the energy required to produce the bottles. (Con)

<http://dsc.discovery.com/news/2009/04/06/bottled-water.html>

Bottled water help Haitian relief work (Pro)

<http://www.bottledwater.org/news/bottled-water-industry-provides-assistance-haitian-relief-efforts>

Myths about bottled water (Pro)

<http://www.marieclaire.com/health-fitness/news/bottled-water-myth>

What resources are required to make bottled water (Con)

<http://dsc.discovery.com/news/2009/04/06/bottled-water.html>

News story on bottled water ban in Concord, MA (Nuanced)

<http://www1.whdh.com/news/articles/local/metro-west/12007312836285/concord-...>

20/20 article whether bottled or tap water is better (Nuanced)

<http://abcnews.go.com/2020/Health/story?id=728070&page=1-.UCM2j2jNV6J>

From *National Geographic News*, banning bottled water

<http://newswatch.nationalgeographic.com/2012/02/13/bottled-water-is-silly-but-so-is-banning-it/>

SCIENCE/HOW IT WORKS

[VIDEO/FACTS]

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How Stuff Works video on the water cycle

<http://videos.howstuffworks.com/discovery/27741-assignment-discovery-the-water-cycle-video.htm>

[VIDEO/FACTS]

Discover Video- how Plastic bottles are made

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T01i_vp2mJE&feature=youtube_gdata_player

[VIDEO/NUANCED]

YouTube video on recycling of water bottles

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YEGewENa6E&feature=youtube_gdata_player