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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.

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Recycling (Grades 4-6)

An article about recycling: “Recycling-Chemistry Can”

http://portal.acs.org/portal/PublicWebSite/education/whatischemistry/scienceforkids/articles/CSTA_015171

A news clip that argues recycling is the “lazy” way of saving our planet

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVS3O5vxpJI&feature=related>

An article on the problems with plastic and attempts to create eco-friendly plastics

<http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/2011/07/plant-powered-plastics/>

An article that argues recycling is a waste of time, money and energy

<http://mises.org/daily/1911>

Recycling (Grades 6-9)

(Courtesy of Joshua Hurley-Bruno, School of the Future)

Facts on the benefits of recycling

http://ecocycle.org/files/pdfs/why_recycle_%20brochure.pdf

Article arguing if recycling is worth the trouble and cost

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=91824&page=1#.T2i24cUgewQ>

The cons of recycling

<http://www.livestrong.com/article/124212-cons-recycling/#ixzz1cMpMKV6r>

Hidden costs of recycling (on a college student's blog)

<http://policyeconomics.blogspot.com/2007/12/hidden-costs-of-recycling.html>

Efforts to recycling, including pros and cons

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http://www.cleveland.com/pdq/index.ssf/2008/09/are_all_your_recycling_efforts.htm

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Blog about trouble with trying to get rid of plastic – and its effects

<http://quakerpagan.blogspot.com/2008/12/whats-wrong-with-recycling-trouble-with.html>

Recycling gone to waste because trucks not separating trash

http://www.woai.com/content/troubleshooters/story/Recycling-gone-to-waste/Im2Cy5_vAkmlZyoMiTP1Ow.csp

Why it's beneficial to recycle

<http://ohiodnr.com/Home/why/tabid/9402/Default.aspx>