



Video Research Project Teaching Guidelines

Students will work in small groups to plan, film, and edit a short video about trash and recycling at your school. Choose one or more of the following video clips to show as examples:

“The Majestic Plastic Bag: A Mockumentary”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLgh9h2ePYw>

“Project Kaisei Captain Wes: Ships Contribute to Plastic in the Ocean”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MR-7rj2wkp0&list=PL93615C0CBE9D7ACA&index=2>

“The Story of Bottled Water”

<http://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-bottled-water/>

As a group, students will come up with an idea for how to research and tell the story of trash at your school. Each video can be a news story, a mockumentary, a fictionalized account, or something else that tells the story effectively. Students should consider the following questions as they plan their videos:

- What happens to trash at your school?
- How does recycling work at your school?
- Where do trash and recycling go after someone puts them in the right bins?
- Who is responsible for making decisions about trash and recycling?

Students should work together to plan the shots and clips needed to tell the story. Next, they will check out cameras from the school’s media center to film the videos. Finally, students will use basic video editing software to review and edit their footage. Then each group will share their completed videos with the class.

Links to third-party websites are provided as a convenience to the user and do not imply any endorsement, sponsorship, affiliation, approval, or guarantee of age appropriateness of any third-party website or any products or services offered by or through any such website. These websites have been reviewed by our editors for relevance to the content in the printed book title. Lerner Publishing Group, Inc., shall not be responsible or held liable for the accuracy or completeness of the content of any third-party website.