

individual choices unit two



U2L1A1 | Throw away society

overview

This lesson will help you to self-examine your consumption patterns.

learning goal

- To gain a better understanding of your own consumption patterns and what drives them.

success criteria

- Compile a master list of what you have thrown away, recycled or composted in the past 24 hours, discuss what drives your consumption, and watch *The Story of Stuff* and complete the below questions.

Inquiry question

- What are my consumption patterns and what is driving them?

Watch the video *The Story of Stuff* by Annie Leonard and answer the following questions:

1. Briefly describe the five stages of the materials economy.
2. What is meant by 'externalizing the costs of production?'
3. Why did the modern consumer economy come into being?
4. What are some of the social and community interests being neglected while we are consuming 'stuff?'
5. What is happening to the levels of measured happiness? Why?
6. Summarize the steps in the treadmill.