



Addicted To Plastic

(USA 2008)

85 minutes

Grade 9-12

Summary:

Addicted to Plastic is a point-of-view style documentary that encompasses three years of filming in 12 countries on 5 continents, including two trips to the middle of the Pacific Ocean where plastic debris accumulates. The film details plastic's path over the last 100 years and provides a wealth of expert interviews on practical and cutting edge solutions to recycling, toxicity and biodegradability.

Themes:

History of plastic and its uses, the environment, pollution, recycling or lack of, the uses/abuses of plastics in countries around the world, medical repercussions of plastic in our bodies and in the environment

Curriculum links:

Science, Social, Political Science

Discussions and activities to complete before or after viewing the film:

1. How has the development of plastic affected our lives?
2. How can we as a people save our planet from plastic?
3. What is the alternative to plastic? Is there one?
4. How can poorer countries dispose of plastic in a safe way?
5. Create a recycling solution for a third world country
6. Create a presentation explaining the development of plastic over the past 100 years
7. What are some of the repercussions of plastic in our bodies and on the environment?
8. How can governments help solve the environmental affects of plastic?
9. Do governments do enough to reduce the impact that plastic has on our World? What else could they do?