

Text Set: Bottled Water

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. Please keep in mind that websites are temporal.

As always, please preview these sets (and any web-based comments accompanying online materials) before giving them to your students to make sure they are best-suited for your particular class.

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>

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>

20/20 article whether bottled or tap water is better (nuanced)
<http://abcnews.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]

How Stuff Works video on the water cycle. Search for “How Water Works.”
<http://howstuffworks.com>

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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