

These sets can be given to research clubs during Session 2 of the unit. They can also be reread by clubs during Bend II, along with the additional Bend II texts.

During Bend III, these sets can be given out to clubs who have not yet studied the issue.

You can also note a few texts marked which you might find particularly helpful to steer students to read/reread during Session 12 “Who Said What? Studying Perspective.”

**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.**

## Should plastic bags be banned? Text Set

### Articles:

- “Bag-Ban Debate” ( By Jennifer Dignan, *Scholastic News*, April 14, 2009)  
<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3751739>
- “Plastic Bags: Convenient and Cruel” (article from *Storyworks Magazine*, April 2014)
- “Fact Sheet” (from Bag the Ban)  
[http://www.bagtheban.com/assets/content/media/TruthAboutPlasticBags\\_web.pdf](http://www.bagtheban.com/assets/content/media/TruthAboutPlasticBags_web.pdf)
- “Bagging Plastic” (article from *Upfront Magazine*, March 2014)
- “Putting Plastic In Its Place” (from *Junior Scholastic*, April 2014)
- “Floating Junkyard” (By Britt Norlander, *Scholastic News*, April 19, 2010)  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/magazines/scienceworld/pdfs/SW-041910-PLASTIC.pdf>
- “The City Council’s plan to promote E.coli” (By Brad Gertsman, *New York Post*, July 31, 2014)  
<http://nypost.com/2014/07/31/the-city-councils-plan-to-promote-e-coli/>
- Learn the facts.  
**\*may be one that you want to steer students toward during Session 12 “Who Said What? Studying Perspective”**  
<http://www.bagtheban.com/learn-the-facts>
- “Are Reusable Bags Dangerous?” (*Time for Kids*)
- A petition against the bag ban  
(\*this is a real petition and students will see places where people can sign. You will want to make sure to print out copies of this petition, not show it to students on the actual website)  
<http://www.bagtheban.com/take-action/petition/>
- NYC’s Grocery Bags: Myth vs. Fact (from Bag the Ban)  
<http://www.bagtheban.com/learn-the-facts/NYC-myths-vs-facts>
- Toronto Bans Plastic Shopping Bags  
<http://teachingkidsnews.com/2012/06/07/toronto-bans-plastic-shopping-bags/>
- Environment (from Bag the Ban)  
[http://www.bagtheban.com/assets/content/Bag\\_the\\_Ban\\_Fact\\_Sheet\\_-\\_Environment.pdf](http://www.bagtheban.com/assets/content/Bag_the_Ban_Fact_Sheet_-_Environment.pdf)

- Jobs and the Economy (from Bag the Ban)  
<http://www.bagtheban.com/learn-the-facts/jobs-economy>

### **Books:**

- *The Down-to-Earth Guide to Global Warming* by Laurie David and Cambria Gordon
- *Human Footprint: Everything You Will Eat, Use, Wear, Buy, and Throw Out in Your Lifetime* (National Geographic Kids) by Ellen Kirk
- *Garbage and Recycling: Environmental Facts and Experiments* (Young Discoverers: Environmental Facts and Experiments) by Rosie Harlow
- *Too Much Trash! (Rookie Read-Aloud Science)* by Fay Robinson (L)
- *Recycle!: A Handbook for Kids* by Gail Gibbons (M)
- *Recycling (A True Book)* by Rhonda Lucas Donald (N)
- *Plastic, Ahoy!: Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch* By: Patricia Newman
- *Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion* By Loree Griffin Burns (W)

### **Multimedia:**

- “Edward Norton: Bag the Bag”  
<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/norton-bag-env>
- “Bag the Ban Rally” (video clip created by Bag The Ban)  
<http://www.bagtheban.com/multimedia/item/bag-the-ban-rally>
- “The Bay Vs. The Bag” (PSA from Save the Bay April 13, 2009)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSD21zp89zM&list=FLIbLgHP5qWXHVAwARUnw-oQ>
- California: The Inconvenient Truth Behind Banning Plastic Bags  
<http://www.bagtheban.com/multimedia/item/california-truth-behind-efforts-to-ban-plastic-bags>
- “California’s Bag Ban Hurting the Job Market” (video from Fox News interviewing American Progressive Bag Alliance Chairman Mark Daniels.) (0–1:38); (2:40–3:09).  
<http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/3823712949001/californias-bag-ban-hurting-the-job-market/#sp=show-clips>