

For each of the text sets, there are some additional suggestions of articles listed and a few possible new questions the club might discuss. Note that these are just a few of the questions students could discuss—the best situation would be that they come up with their own questions—the ones below are only meant as a guide. Students can also discuss ideas rather than questions.

**As always, please preview these sets before giving them to your students to make sure they are best-suited for your particular class.**

## Plastic Additional Text Set

**What is the best way to handle plastic?**

**What is the biggest problem plastic causes?**

**What is the biggest cause of global warming? What’s the most important thing we can do about it?**

- “Plastic Bags: To Ban or Not to Ban?”  
<http://learningenglish.voanews.com/content/plastic-bags-to-ban-or-not-to-ban/2555541.html>
- “Plastic-Bag Bans Gaining Momentum Around the World” (by John Roach, *National Geographic News*, April 4, 2008)  
[http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/04/080404-plastic-bags\\_2.html](http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/04/080404-plastic-bags_2.html)
- “Ten Cents a Bag? That’s About Right” (By: Editorial Board of *New York Times* April 7, 2014)  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/08/opinion/ten-cents-a-bag-thats-about-right.html>
- Responses written back to the *New York Times* editors:  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/14/opinion/paying-extra-for-a-plastic-bag-for-your-groceries.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/14/opinion/paying-extra-for-a-plastic-bag-for-your-groceries.html?_r=1)
- “Debate: Should schools require kids to bring in eco-friendly lunches?”  
<http://www.timeforkids.com/news/debate/14111>
- “Haiti says No to Plastic” (By Jared Brenes, *Scholastic News*, October 10 , 2012)  
<http://www.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3757606>
- “Is it Time to Bag the Plastic?” by Elizabeth Rosenthal  
[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/19/sunday-review/should-america-bag-the-plastic-bag.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/19/sunday-review/should-america-bag-the-plastic-bag.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)
- “Tiny Plastic, Big Problem” by Alison Pearce Stevens  
<https://student.societyforscience.org/article/tiny-plastic-big-problem>
- “Why Should We Not Ban Plastic Bags”  
[http://greenliving.lovetoknow.com/Why\\_Should\\_We\\_Not\\_Ban\\_Plastic\\_Bags](http://greenliving.lovetoknow.com/Why_Should_We_Not_Ban_Plastic_Bags)
- “Why is Everyone Worried About Global Warming?” by Margaret Anderson (*Ask Magazine*, April 2008—entire issue is about Global Warming)
- “Should Cities Ban Plastic Bags?”  
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10000872396390444165804578006832478712400>

- “Science at Work: Oceanographer—Erik Van Sebille” by Lela Nargi (interview with scientist who studies trash in oceans) (*Odyssey Magazine*, Nov/Dec. 2014)
- “Reasons for Not Banning Plastic Bags”  
<https://infogr.am/Reasons-for-banningnot-banning-pastic-bags>
- (video) “Paper or Plastic: Which hurt the environment more?” (*Discovery News*, December 19, 2013)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhmg6l\\_WNSE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhmg6l_WNSE)
- “California Becomes First State to Ban Plastic Bags” by Katy Steinmetz  
<http://time.com/3449887/california-plastic-bag-ban/>
- “Grocery Store Bans Plastic Bags”  
[http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_lesson/newsforyou/pdfs/newsforyou086.pdf](http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/newsforyou/pdfs/newsforyou086.pdf)