**CWA Global Issues Unit: Story of Stuff Guide Questions**

**EQ: What is the basis of our modern society AND how does it impact people?**

1. **How much of our taxes goes to our military in the US?**
2. **What are the FIVE (5) phases that go into making “stuff?”**
3. **The US makes up 5%of the world’s population. How much of the world’s resources do we consume?**
4. **How many trees are cut down each minute in the Amazon Rain forest today?**
5. **What is a neurotoxin? How are we exposed to them?**
6. **Who bears the biggest brunt of being exposed to toxins?**
7. **Why do people expose themselves to toxins? Why do they work in such toxic environments?**
8. **What percent of what we buy is kept longer than 6 months?**
9. **How much trash does each person create every day?**
10. **For every can of trash we fill, how many cans of trash are filled to create what we throw away?**
11. **What is planned obsolescence?**
12. **What is perceived obsolescence?**
13. **How many ads are we exposed to every day? How many types of ads can you name?**
14. **Finish the sentence: We have more stuff but less \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
15. **On the back of this document write a well-constructed paragraph that explains how watching the “Story of Stuff” and learning about our consumption based economy will or will not lead you to make a change in your life.**