

## Dirty Work

**Responding to Text 6:** Explain how the idea(s) found in “Dirty Work” connect to the theme *Environmental Issues*.

### Learning Outcome: 1.2.4 Extend Understanding

Score:	Out of Range 0	Below Level 1	At Level 2	Above Level 3	5
	<p><i>I think it's connected because of how this man says he asked people if they were ready to be an independent adult they all raised their hands until he told them what they had to do. Nah I don't know! I'm stunned!</i></p>	<p><i>It connects in that dirty work makes people not want to do the job at hand just because it's gross and hard and they don't have any fun doing it. And that is why issues at global levels are so hard to get done because only select few people want to do the work that needs to get done.</i></p>	<p><i>In the article “Dirty Work” the ideas of being an adult is dirty work connects to the theme Environmental Issues because it shows how people think those things are bad. Teenagers think adults have it bad, always having to clean and touch dirty things. Teenagers never want to do the “dirty work” but really its there mess in the first place just in a different state. Just like the economy plastics that create pollution that we don't want to clean up was just plastic we threw on the ground hopefully one day decompose. The mine finds us minerals that give us money and acid rain/chemicals coming from the stalk; no one wants the chemicals, everyone wants the money. Exactly like in this article no teenager wants to do the dishes but they all want to eat. We live in a society where everyone wants the benefits and wants to forget about the problems.</i></p>	<p><i>Although the article ‘Dirty Work’ is talking about the gunk at the bottom of the sink for its majority. It connects to our Environmental Issues because we treat the gunk at the bottom of the sink. If we treat our world as if it were a sink full of dishes, the clean dishes would be all the good things in our world, all the things that are prospering and all the issues would be the gunk at the bottom of the sink that no one really wants to touch because they'd prefer to focus on the lovely clean dishes they now have and the gunk is a problem for someone else. And just like the boy in the story, everyone knows that what's going on is bad, like the boy said. ‘I knew that the stuff in the sink drainer was lethal and septic/ but nobody wants to deal with the problem. Like with Global warming, everyone knows its an issue, and they'll do lengthy speeches about how we need to change the way we live, but they don't really mean it. Companies are making billions and billions of dollars profit, so why would they want it to stop? That would mean they're out more money. So we leave the problems, sinking as gunk at the bottom of the sink, the ‘unspeakable filth’, left for someone else to clean up later.</i></p>	