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The big actors and factors impacting the environment

behind the scenes

Capitalist global economic system based on consumerism and maximizing profits	Major governments International and domestic policies and actions including war, diplomacy, and legislation developed by politicians with political and economic interests	Large and powerful corporations exploit natural resources and provide goods and services to drive consumerism
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Exploration: Select one of the two videos to watch with your group: “The Story of Electronics” or “The Story of Bottled Water” (see the QR codes below). Together, identify the big actors and factors mentioned in the video as well as the specific macro-ways in which they impact the environment. Record your observations below:

Capitalism and economic systems	
Governments	
Corporations	



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Story of electronics



[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=sW_7i6T_H78](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sW_7i6T_H78)

Story of bottled water



[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=Se12y9hSOM0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Se12y9hSOM0)

Bigger picture: After engaging in class discussions about the cotton shirt, plastic bottle, and electronics videos, respond to the following question: why is it important to understand the role of these actors and factors in the corruption of the environment?
