

**Homework #1: "The Story of Stuff" Film by Annie Leonard**

Please answer each question below in complete sentences. Use blue or black pen and a separate sheet of paper to complete your work. If you make a mistake, just cross it out or white it out and continue working. Be sure to title your assignment as it is above. (Due in-class 8/31)

1. What are the five steps of the materials economy?
2. Why is the system in crisis?
3. What limitations are there to our obsession with stuff?
4. What percentage of the world's resources does the US use?
5. How many synthetic chemicals are used in the production of stuff today?
6. How many pounds of toxic chemicals are released into the environment by American producers?
7. What are externalized costs?
8. What is the golden arrow of consumption?
9. What percentage of materials are still in use six months after they are run through the system?
10. What is the ultimate purpose of the American economy?
11. What is planned obsolescence? Give some examples.
12. What is perceived obsolescence? Give some examples.
13. Why isn't recycling enough to help solve the problem of stuff?
14. What are some of the solutions that are posed by Annie Leonard to the problem of stuff?