

This is a study guide to help you to organize your notes based on the Objectives for this Module. This is not graded and is provided only as a study aid. To use it, fill in the table. Box 1 will ask you to redefine the terms or explain the concept. Box 2 will ask you to provide information about where you can find this information. Provide enough information in this box for you to be able to use this box as a reference to finding the information again. Box 3 will ask you to give an example or try to apply the concept to a new situation.

Describe the problems overconsumption and the costs on American society.

Define overconsumption.	Where is this information located?
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List some of the causes of overconsumption.	Where is this information located?
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List some of the costs of overconsumption.	Where is this information located?
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Relate the impact of American consumption on the world.

How does American consumption affect world economics? What is the "new middle class"?	Where is this information located?
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Recognize the problems environmental problems of overconsumption, including resource scarcity as related to carrying capacity.

Define carrying capacity.	Where is this information located?
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What do we mean by resource scarcity? How does this happen? What can happen when critical resources become scarce?	Where is this information located?
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What are some of the environmental problems associated with overconsumption and resource use, manufacturing, and disposal?	Where is this information located?
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Describe the causes of America's consumption driven society.

Why do American's consume so much? How does our economic structure encourage us to buy?	Where is this information located?
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Describe the causes of America's consumption driven society (continued).

What drives us to buy? What are the reasons that people buy stuff?	Where is this information located?
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Describe the Personal Costs of America's overconsumption.

List the five personal costs.	Where is this information located?
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Define what a luxury is.

Define luxury. Give examples.	Where is this information located?
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Describe the solutions for overconsumption and relate these solutions for overconsumption to your personal life.

Give some solutions to overconsumption. Are any of these feasible for your lifestyle? Do you think it's necessary to change? Why or why not?	Where is this information located?
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Explain the concept of “enough.”	
How do we determine what is enough?	Where is this information located?
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Inter-relate overconsumption with pollution, global warming, resource usage, and waste management.

Describe the main ideas in the Pollution module.	Where is this information located?	How does overconsumption relate to pollution?
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Describe the main ideas in the Global Warming module.	Where is this information located?	How does overconsumption relate to Climate Change?
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Describe the main ideas in the Resources module.	Where is this information located?	How does overconsumption relate to resource usage?
1	2	3
Describe the main ideas in the Waste module.	Where is this information located?	How does overconsumption relate to waste production?
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