

REFLECTION ON “BEFORE THE FLOOD”

Throughout the Global Issues course, it is very important that you can take what we watch or discuss and be able to explain how it relates to the enduring understandings of the course. Those enduring understandings are:

1. Our ecological footprint is exceeding Earth’s capacity to sustain biodiversity and human life.
2. Our decisions and actions matter; they have social, environmental, economic, and political consequences.
3. Individuals, groups, governments, and corporations have the power to effect change and the responsibility to contribute to a sustainable future.
4. The media do not provide neutral reflections of reality; they affect our decisions and actions.
5. A global economic system that depends upon and perpetuates unrestrained consumerism is unsustainable.
6. Economic and technological development has contributed greatly to society, but often with harmful human and environmental consequences.
7. Indigenous knowledge and world views offer alternatives to prevailing assumptions about how to live with one another within the environment.
8. Political systems distribute power, privilege, and wealth in different ways, some more justly than others.
9. A just society respects human diversity and recognizes universal, equal, and inalienable human rights.
10. There is no them or over there: we all belong to the human species, our concerns are interdependent, and we are part of the natural world.

After having watched the documentary, “Before the Flood”, please describe how you believe the film relates to a minimum of 3 of the enduring understandings. Your answer should be a minimum of 250 words, typed and double spaced. Remember, the goal here is to show that you can use the documentary to show your comprehension of the enduring understandings.