

Participation in Democracy  
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Social studies Requirement  
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Michael Corkery. "Beverage Companies Embrace Recycling, Until It Costs Them." The New York Times. July 4, 2019. [https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/04/business/plastic-recycling-bottle-bills.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit\\_th\\_190705?campaign\\_id=2&instance\\_id=10696&segment\\_id=14935&user\\_id=cd26a0a5a06b6e53ae0db705556f3c9e&regi\\_id=365986030705](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/04/business/plastic-recycling-bottle-bills.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_190705?campaign_id=2&instance_id=10696&segment_id=14935&user_id=cd26a0a5a06b6e53ae0db705556f3c9e&regi_id=365986030705)

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The following themes relate to Corkery's article:

**Theme 2: Work, Exchange, and Technology (WXT):** Development of systems of economic exchange, particularly the role of technology, economic markets, and government.

**Theme 5: Politics and power:** How have different social and political groups influenced society and government in the United States as well as how political beliefs and institutions have changed over time.

Themes 2 and 5 relate to the article because recycling of soft drink and water containers has created an economic market in the U.S. that relies on recycling technology. However, the creators of disposable containers, such as Coca-Cola, seek the least expensive way to create new containers for expanding markets. Therefore, theme 5 cannot be overlooked because environmentalists (a social / political group) have pressured state legislatures to pass "bottle bills," and manufacturers of plastic bottles need government pressure to participate in recycling programs. Government action will be needed to continue and promote recycling, especially of plastic bottles, as the resources for new bottles become scarce and technology to recycle plastic becomes more affordable.

#### Summary:

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#### Vocabulary:

1. word: part of speech: definition.  
Sentence.

2. etc.

