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### **Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap (Garbology)**

Grade Level: 7-12

Subjects: Applicable to most subjects.

Objectives: To have students reflect on humans' historical relationship with Earth, examine their current impacts, and consider future implications of resource use.

Standards: Minnesota Science 3.1.3.2.1

Understand that everybody can use evidence to learn about the natural world, identify patterns in nature, and develop tools.

For example: Ojibwe and Dakota knowledge and use of patterns in the stars to predict and plan.

4.1.2.1.1

Describe the positive and negative impacts that the designed world has on the natural world as more and more engineered products and services are created and used.

Duration: 2-5 Class periods

Materials/Supplies: Computer Lab, Personal Trash, School Trash, Shared Garbage Data, Recycling Information, any other pertinent materials.

Vocabulary: Garbology, Recycling, Archaeology, Scientific Method, Analysis, Junk...

Background: The background is provided by the Prezi.

Setting the Stage: Adapt the Prezi to set the stage for students.

Procedure: Students choose a topic, complete it, and present to their peers via Prezi.

Closure: Students present their project in a Prezi.

Evaluation: Prezi rubric with peer review.

Links/Extension:

[http://prezi.com/7u5tqqgnmkoa/dirty-deeds-done-dirt-heap/?res\\_nr=6&sis=1044548377](http://prezi.com/7u5tqqgnmkoa/dirty-deeds-done-dirt-heap/?res_nr=6&sis=1044548377)