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S.T.O.P. (Stop the Ocean Pollution) is a stop-motion film from Oscar-nominated and award-winning Russian animator, Daria Kashcheeva. What role can you play in helping to solve the plastic pollution crisis? This short film very creatively shows us what our daily lives would look like if we lived in our polluted oceans and then provides eight tips for how you can be part of the global solution.

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OVER 8 MILLION TONS OF PLASTIC END UP IN THE OCEANS EACH YEAR

ABOUT 700,000 MICROFIBERS ARE RELEASED INTO WASTEWATER EACH TIME YOU WASH YOUR CLOTHES

CIGARETTE BUTTS ARE #1 - THE MOST COMMON PLASTIC WASTE FOUND ON BEACH CLEANUPS WORLDWIDE

RELEVANT UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- 1** Recycling is a great habit, but it can also be very confusing. Do you know what to look for to determine if a piece of plastic is recyclable or not? (HINT: It's a shape with three sides and a number)
- 2** Recycling takes practice. What have you learned along the way? Have you ever put the wrong materials into the recycling container because you didn't know?
- 3** Do you use reusable bags and refillable water bottles? Why or why not?
- 4** Reducing your plastic packaging can be quite tricky, as it is often unavoidable. What's your favorite way to reduce this type of plastic?
- 5** Most smokers realize that their habit is not good for them, but do you think they are aware of the environmental impact? Considering discarded butts are the most common form of plastic waste found on beach cleanups, how can we better inform smokers?
- 6** Clothing that has stretchy material likely has plastic microfibers in it, which end up in our waterways when washed. What are some brands you know of that offer clothing made from natural materials?
- 7** Unlike today, people used to repair things when they were broken, instead of throwing them away and purchasing new ones. What variables contributed to this shift in our culture?
- 8** Sharing resources and materials can help reduce consumption. Have you ever shared something with a neighbor, family member or friend? Or had something shared with you so that you didn't have to buy it?
- 9** Are there any actions you take outside of the eight tips provided in the film? If so, what are they?

