



Reflection

NAME _____

These questions are intended to help you think about, reflect on, and summarize the different stages of the life cycle for **all** the products you learned about during the debate. Provide thoughtful responses based on what you learned during the debate and from your own experiences.

For questions 1 through 4, provide a one or two sentence response. For question 5, respond with one or two paragraphs. Your responses should be broad enough that they can be applied to many products.

1. Thinking just about the *raw materials* that go into a product, what characteristics would make a product more environmentally friendly?

2. Thinking just about *how a product is produced*, what characteristics would make a product more environmentally friendly?

3. Thinking just about *how a product is used*, what characteristics would make a product more environmentally friendly?

4. Thinking just about *how a product is disposed of*, what characteristics would make a product more environmentally friendly?

5. Often when making decisions about what products to buy, we don't have access to information summarizing and comparing product life cycles. However, we still must make decisions for what to purchase. Use your responses from questions 1 through 4 to develop a list of generic questions that you can use in the future to help you decide among any set of products to purchase. Include criteria that would help you favor one product over another.

In your opinion, what are the most important questions to ask when deciding among products? In your opinion, what factors should weigh more heavily in your decision?