

# Welcome to Today's Class!

## Today's Topic: Environmental Problems

What are the biggest environmental problems we face? What can be done and and who is responsible?

### Agenda:

1. Review the video and vocabulary
2. Breakout room discussions
3. Large group wrap-up



# Watch & Learn



## The Biggest Environmental Problem

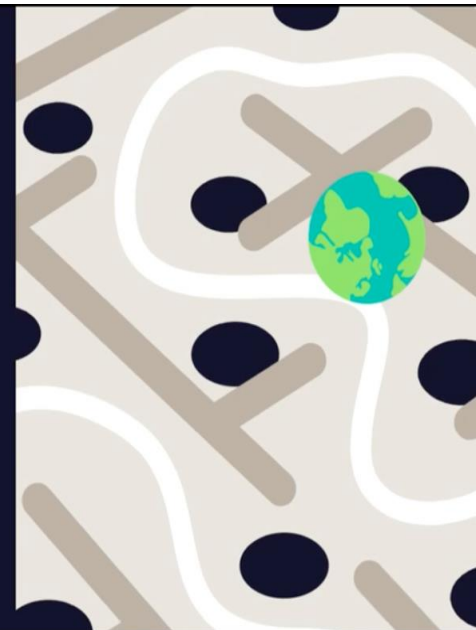
### Key Vocabulary:

1. oblivious
2. "head in the sand"
3. "connect the dots"
4. Looming
5. toppling
6. "ugly stepsister"
7. ocean acidification
8. "slap upside the head"

### The Big Question

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEM  
WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT?

Filmed by *The Atlantic* at the Aspen Ideas Festival, 2015



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqermIBhzAI>

# Let's Talk: Discussion Questions

1. What do you think is the biggest environmental problem: climate change, water shortage, energy production (fossil fuel dependence), ocean acidification, pollution, other?
2. Some tech billionaires and innovators argue that we don't need to worry too much about climate change because future technology will solve the problem. Others believe this is risky and unrealistic and we need to change our behavior now. What do you think--will technology save us?
3. What do you personally do (if anything) to help the environment? Do you think individual actions can really make a difference?
4. Who is the most responsible for environmental problems: corporations, governments or individuals?