

The Story of Garbage

Answers Sheet for Teachers

1. Humans were nomads who traveled and left garbage behind as they moved.
2. 220 million tons of garbage generated in the United States by 1998.
3. 4 pounds.
4. Durable and non-durable goods, green/wood waste, food waste, and other non-hazardous waste.
5. Garbage truck-recycling facility-transfer station-landfill.
6. 1950's.
7. 40 years.
8. Groundwater.
9. Clay liners are non-porous to prevent leaks.
10. Electricity.
11. 33 million tons (15%)
12. Steam.
13. Water vapor.
14. Yeast, bacteria, or worms.
15. Reduce, reuse, recycle.