

# The Economic Injustice of Plastic

Van Jones

TED Lectures  
Note-taking Activity

**Directions:** First listen to the lecture and take notes. Then using your notes, you will answer the following questions.

1. Why are the poor in society more affected by dangerous petro-chemicals than the wealthier people?
2. What is “cancer alley” and what point does Van Jones emphasize by referring to it?
3. What is a myth around recycling plastics that many people share?
4. What is often the reality of recycling?
5. Does the burning of plastics in Asia impact Americans positively or negatively?
6. What is the root of the plastics problem?
7. What does “bio-mimickery” mean?
8. Why is bio-mimickery important?
9. What percentage of the world’s greenhouse gases are produced in the USA?
10. Why does the speaker talk about the high number of prisoners in the USA?