ACTIVITY 4: E-Waste Recycling

Activity Objective:

Definition: E-waste is waste from electronic devices and components of electronic devices. This has become a growing problem with the proliferation of electronic devices, accounting for 20-50 million metric tons of global waste per year according to the EPA. Many recyclers do not recycle e-waste responsibly. When barge Khian Sea dumped 14,000 metric tons of toxic ash in Haiti, the Basel Convention was formed to stem the flow of hazardous substances into poorer countries. They created the e-Stewards certification to make sure that recyclers are held to the highest standards for environmental responsibility and to help consumers identify responsible recyclers.

REVIEW VIDEOS: Recycling E-waste https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0ikFMTuS9c
E-waste recycling: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RaKLgovVkJQ
Waste electronics – how they are recycled https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RaKLgovVkJQ

Materials: Chapter 4, E-Waste items on campus or at home, paper, computer, printer, Internet Access

Procedure:

- 1. Work as partners or small teams
- 2. Locate different type of E-Waste on campus or at home and determine if there is a proper E-Waste Recycling program being used to recycle these materials
- 3. Use the below two column chart and identify the E-waste and how to recycle it
- 4. Write a short comparison essay on the proper way to recycle different types of E-Waste

E-WASTE	Recycle Process			



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World-Class	Proficient	Developing	Emergent
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Learner at this	Learner at this	Learner at this	Learner at this
level has gone	level has had	level has been	level may or may
beyond mastery of	opportunities to	exposed to & had	not have been
knowledge, skills,	apply knowledge,	opportunity to	exposed to
& attitudes	skills, & attitudes	apply knowledge,	knowledge, skills,
described in	of component of	skills, & attitudes	& attitudes
project. World-	project. Proficient	of project.	required by
class learner	learner has	Developing	academic
consistently	mastered essential	learner may have	standards of the
exhibits high-	attributes, thus	only a few	project.
quality	proving mastery.	essential attributes	
performance.		to master before	
		mastery.	

- 1= Emergent Learner
- 2 = Developing Learner
- 3 = Proficient Learner
- 4 = World-Class Learner