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Introduction

The resources in this module provide insights on what sustainable development is and how it can be approached.



Required Resources

Reading: *Sustainability: What Everyone Needs to Know*, Chapter 5  (<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/snhu-ebooks/detail.action?docID=6449718>)

This resource, which you will use to help you complete this week's discussion and journal assignment, provides an overview of sustainable development. As you read, consider the following:

- How is sustainable development related to people's general welfare?
- How can sustainable global development be realized?

Reading: *Preserving the Seas*  (<https://go.openathens.net/redirector/snhu.edu?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcqpress.sagepub.com%2Fcqresearcher%2Freport%2Fpreserving-seas-cqresrre20220902>)

This Shapiro library resource, which you will use to help you complete this week's discussion, examines whether a sustainable ocean economy is realistic. As you read, consider the following:

- How do ocean-based industries impact the global economy?
- Why is the idea of a "blue economy" controversial?

Reading: *Coffee at a Crossroads*  (<https://go.openathens.net/redirector/snhu.edu?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcqpress.sagepub.com%2Fcqresearcher%2Freport%2Fcoffee-crossroads-cqresrre20211105>)

This Shapiro library resource, which you will use to help you complete this week's discussion and journal assignment, discusses sustainable development issues related to coffee. As you read, consider the following:

- How is the global coffee industry being affected by "changing consumption patterns, higher costs of doing business, and increased environmental concerns"?
- Why do most of the world's coffee farmers still live in poverty even though coffee prices have dramatically increased?

Video: *Why Lakes and Rivers Should Have the Same Rights as Humans*  (https://www.ted.com/talks/kelsey_leonard_why_lakes_and_rivers_should_have_the_same_rights_as_humans) (13:13)

This video, which you will use to help you complete this week's discussion and journal assignment, explores the value of water as a natural resource. As you watch, listen, or read, consider the following:

- Why is the way people value water central to sustainable development?
- How could sustainable development be improved by recognizing that humans "are not superior to the water itself"?

Reading: *Ethical Consumerism*  (<https://go.openathens.net/redirector/snhu.edu?url=https%3A%2F%2Fresearch.ebsco.com%2Flinkprocessor%2Fplink%3Fid%3D83277a5b-3c0a-3dd9-b20b-50c02b1672d8>)

This Shapiro library resource, which you will use to help you complete this week's discussion and journal assignment, explains that ethical consumerism means buying products that do less harm to people and the environment. As you read, consider the following:

- How can ethical consumerism affect sustainable development?
- What are the main challenges of ethical consumerism?

Additional Support (Optional)



Reading: [Global Footprint Network Calculator](https://www.footprintcalculator.org/home/en) (https://www.footprintcalculator.org/home/en)

This resource, which you will use to help you complete this week's discussion and journal assignment, will help you reflect on how your consumption categories like food, housing, transportation, goods, and services create your carbon footprint. As you read, consider the following:

- What consumption categories do you think would require the most change?
- What solutions do you think you could implement?

Video: [George Ritzer Discusses Consumption](https://go.openathens.net/redirector/snhu.edu?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsk.sagepub.com%2Fvideo%2Fgeorge-ritzer-discusses-consumption) (https://go.openathens.net/redirector/snhu.edu?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsk.sagepub.com%2Fvideo%2Fgeorge-ritzer-discusses-consumption)

In this Shapiro library resource, which you will use to help you complete this week's discussion and journal assignment, Professor George Ritzer explains the connections between consumption and the economy. As you read, consider the following:

- How has the internet impacted consumption and production?
- Have you visited any of these "cathedrals of consumption"?



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