

CONSUMERISM DISCUSSION – by Hebe Marin

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STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) Which (social) facts influence consumerism?
- 2) Are there any benefits in consumerism?
- 3) What is the role of product labels (like food or clothing brands) in consumerism?
- 4) Do you believe special occasions like Christmas or Easter have become too consumeristic?
- 5) Is there a way to escape the culture of consumerism?
- 6) Do you think there are more consumerist women than men? Why?
- 7) Are teenagers and children becoming consumerists earlier?
- 8) Does mass media and society affect teenage consumerism?
- 9) In your opinion, are consumerist people less creative?
- 10) What is ethical consumerism?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 1) Is consumerism a pathology?
- 2) What is "green consumerism"? Is it a contradiction?
- 3) How does consumerism affect the environment and nature?
- 4) Do you agree with extreme anti-consumerism philosophies and attitudes?
- 5) Do you believe that changing your spending habits can make a big difference in your life?
- 6) Is consumerism spoiling our culture?
- 7) Our world economy is based on consumerism. Will consumerism always be predominant?
- 8) Has consumerism changed over the years?
- 9) What is medical consumerism?
- 10) Which jobs are strictly related to consumerism?

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