**Plastic Pollution Video Follow- Up Questions**

**Video 1: Introduction to Plastic Pollution**

1. Fill in the blanks. The influx of plastic materials into the environment is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. How long can plastic last in the ocean?
3. Microbeads (or microplastics) are pieces of plastic that are < \_\_\_\_ mm.
4. List 5 of the 8 steps mentioned that YOU can take to reduce plastic pollution.

**Video 2: Can We Actually Clean Up the Plastic Pollution Problem?**

1. True or False? If we don’t understand the truth of what we are up against, we can’t fix it. And we can fix it if we take the right steps.
2. Fill in the blanks. Plastic has only been around for less than \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. True or False? Plastic doesn’t biodegrade, meaning plastic does not break down naturally through the action of biological agents.
4. What are the little plastic pellets called?
5. What percentage of plastic gets recycled in the United States?
6. True or False? Plastic pollution is more than just litter. It is also a climate and greenhouse gas problem.
7. List the 8 steps we can take to reduce plastic pollution mentioned in the video.
8. True or False? Every type of plastic is equally recyclable.
9. True or False? We have the tools we need for the solution to plastic pollution.

**Concluding Questions on Plastic Pollution**

1. **What were two things that surprised you about the plastic pollution issue that you learned in this lesson? Please be specific about what surprised you.**
2. **When you first heard about the scale of the plastic problem, how did you feel? How do you feel now?**
3. **Explain why recycling is problematic as a solution to plastic pollution. In other words, explain why we would be unable to recycle our way out of this problem.**
4. **What are two alternatives to using single-use plastic bottles or plastic bags?**
5. **What is one thing you are going to do to reduce your own plastic use or help fix the plastic pollution issue?**