

TOPIC 5.1

The Tragedy of the Commons

Required Course Content

ENDURING UNDERSTANDING

EIN-2

When humans use natural resources, they alter natural systems.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

EIN-2.A

Explain the concept of the tragedy of the commons.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

EIN-2.A.1

The tragedy of the commons suggests that individuals will use shared resources in their own self-interest rather than in keeping with the common good, thereby depleting the resources.

SUGGESTED SKILL

 *Concept Explanation*

1.B

Explain environmental concepts and processes.

**AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

- External Resource > [Environmental Literacy Council's AP Environmental Science Course Material](#)