**B.P. Deepwater Horizon/Exxon Valdez Oil Spills**

**Bellwork**

1. How do you think an ocean oil spill would affect the environment?
2. How long do you think the effects would last?

**“Lingering effects, 2 years after BP oil spill”**

1. What effect did the spill have on the red snapper?
2. What happened to the mangrove island?

**“Scientists get first look at seabed near B.P. oil spill site”**

1. How long did the oil from the B.P. disaster flow into the Gulf of Mexico?
2. What was the good news from the dive?
3. What concerns came from the dive?

**“BP Oil Spill 5 Years Later: Wildlife Still Suffering”**

1. Why do you think the local people were willing to work longer hours than the cleanup crew?
2. How did the oil spill lead to the destruction of Cat Island?
3. Is the oil gone 5 years later? What evidence is there?
4. Why are the islands critical to the survival of the birds?

**“The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill/Flashback”**

1. How long after the spill did the cleanup actually begin?
2. How large of an area was affected by the spill?
3. What was wrong with wiping the oil off of the rocks on the beach?
4. What was the effect 21 years later?

**“There’s Still Oil on This Beach 26 Years After the Exxon Valdez Spill”**

1. What did they find 26 years after the oil spill?
2. What is the problem with the spawning location of the salmon?
3. How has the spill affected the killer whales in the area?

**Reflection/Exit Ticket**

1. Do you think oil is worth the risks to our environment? Why or why not?
2. Do you think these disaster sites will ever truly be clean? Explain.