

Name Model Source(s) # 7, 8, 10

Inquiry Question: How does sustainable design influence humanity's relationship to the world?

SEARCHING FOR DETAILS

I read the sources closely and mark words and phrases that help me answer my question.

SELECTING DETAILS

I select words or phrases from my search that I think are the most important for answering my question. I write the reference next to each detail.

Detail 1 (Ref.: Cradle to Cradle)

McDonough highlights our intellectual malnutrition as it concerns design, i.e., we create poisonous children's toys and show little demonstrable interest in protecting the environment despite how much it enhances our lives.

Detail 2 (Ref.: Bloomberg plan)

NYC faces possible natural annihilation; millions of lives, and the global economy are at stake. Mayor Bloomberg's proposal, albeit as ambitious as it is unclear, aims to fortify the city from the ravages of storms

Detail 3 (Ref.: Sorry Green Design)

"But sustainability turned out to be unsustainable. We just didn't have the time; we couldn't afford to be green. We thought the products looked ugly. We didn't enjoy the preachiness or the guilt."

ANALYZING AND CONNECTING DETAILS

I re-read parts of the texts and think about the meaning of the details and what they tell me about my question. Then I compare the details and explain the connections I see among them.

What I think about the details and how I connect them:

The environmentally questionable devices we continue to use teach and perpetuate our pending planetary is the result of thoughtful design, what we communicate about how the world be should is regularly inconsistent with our everyday behaviors. Despite our knowledge, morals, and intentions, we are not getting it right. In part, this is the result of human laziness, the other is the result of society's requirement not simply for products that improve our lives and the world, but also the easy to which we can assimilate. Unfortunately - especially in the face of obvious global and humanitarian crises - we cannot even agree on what we need. We believe we need sustainable design, yet despite rapid and impressive design concepts and scientific advancements supporting them, our will is lagging (not lacking!).

MAKING A CLAIM

I state a conclusion I have come to and can support with evidence from the texts after reading them closely.

My claim that answers my inquiry question:

Sustainable design seeks to enhance, expand, and improve the ways in which people relate to the world. If people value improved relations with the world and its inhabitants, we should demand it and our leaders should demonstrate the will to achieve it.