

VANISHING OF THE BEES

As we view the documentary “Vanishing of the Bees”, take notes below on your respective area of expertise. Remember, you will be in charge of presenting your side of the issue as well as a solution that would be favorable for that interest group. The culminating product is a visual representation of your side of the issue and potential solution, as well as your participation in the class discussion to come to an agreeable solution to the issue.

INTEREST GROUP	CONCERN	SUPPORTING FACTS AND FIGURES FROM VIDEO OR ARTICLE FOR CONCERN (WHY IS YOUR CONCERN IMPORTANT?)	ALTERNATE VIEWPOINTS THAT ARE RELATED OR MUST BE CONSIDERED WITH RELEVANT DATA (OTHER INTEREST GROUPS)	POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS (TO BE COMPLETED AFTER THE VIDEO)
Bee keepers	Bees are dying and we need to protect them in order to protect our livelihood	•	•	•
Farmers	Crops will not be pollinated, will lose money due to underperforming crops, will need to raise prices to keep profits sustainable	•	•	•
Consumers	Diet will be less variable, want a HEALTHY, BALANCED diet filled with fruits and vegetables at AFFORDABLE prices	•	•	•
Pesticide companies	Will lose money if farmers do not buy their pesticides (either systemic or direct application), have nearly unlimited lobbying power	•	•	•
Environmentalists	Pesticides and monocultures harm the biodiversity of an ecosystem, GM crops can interact unfavorably with endemic species	•	•	•

Economists	Economy is based on job growth and profits of companies, loss of farming and beekeeping jobs can cause collapse of economy	●	●	●
Politicians	Want to please their constituents as well as their donors (big companies that fund their campaigns), must abide by Constitution and other laws when making new laws	●	●	●