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ENGL 100 BJ & BU
Tragedy of the Commons

Brainstorming Poverty and Private Property

Thinking of Hardin's, Eglitis', and Fallows' essays, respond as thoroughly as you can to the following questions.

1. What is your personal connection to **consumption, poverty, and freedom of choice**? In other words, what do you think of when you read those words?
2. Garrett Hardin writes in his essay, "to couple the concept of freedom to breed with the belief that everyone born has an equal right to the commons is to lock the world into a tragic course of action" (3). What is your "gut response" to this quote?
3. Fallows writes that he feels uncomfortable when the company's janitor arrives in the evening, so much so that he alters his schedule to make sure he doesn't run into her in the evenings. Why? Would you feel the same way? How do you think the janitor felt seeing Fallows?