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Source Analysis

Title: Flint / The Poisoning of an American City

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Source Date: 2017 / 2016

Source Type: movie / magazine article

Context (what is important to note about the creator, when it was created, its audience, or its format?):

The movie was produced shortly after clean water was restored to Flint. The movie is not just a boring documentary, but also a drama with a storyline. The audience could be anyone, since it is informative but also entertaining. John Sanburn writes for the world section of TIME magazine.

Summary (what important facts about the source's content should we note for our discussion):

Flint Michigan switched their water supply from the Detroit River to the Flint river. There were incredible amounts of lead in the water and it made a lot of people sick. Rich neighborhoods had relatively clean water. It affected not only health, but also behavior. Boil order in effect but boiling water only concentrates lead more.

Analysis (what should we take away to better understand our problem and its stakeholders?):

The reason for creating these pieces is to educate and to put it into something you can see. We have read about this issue multiple times, but the movie really puts it into perspective. This movie came out in 2017, which was only 2 years after clean water was reestablished in Flint, so I'm sure the people of Flint were touched. The director does not have a relationship to Flint nor a background in water quality, so that stood out to me.

how was it a wicked problem?