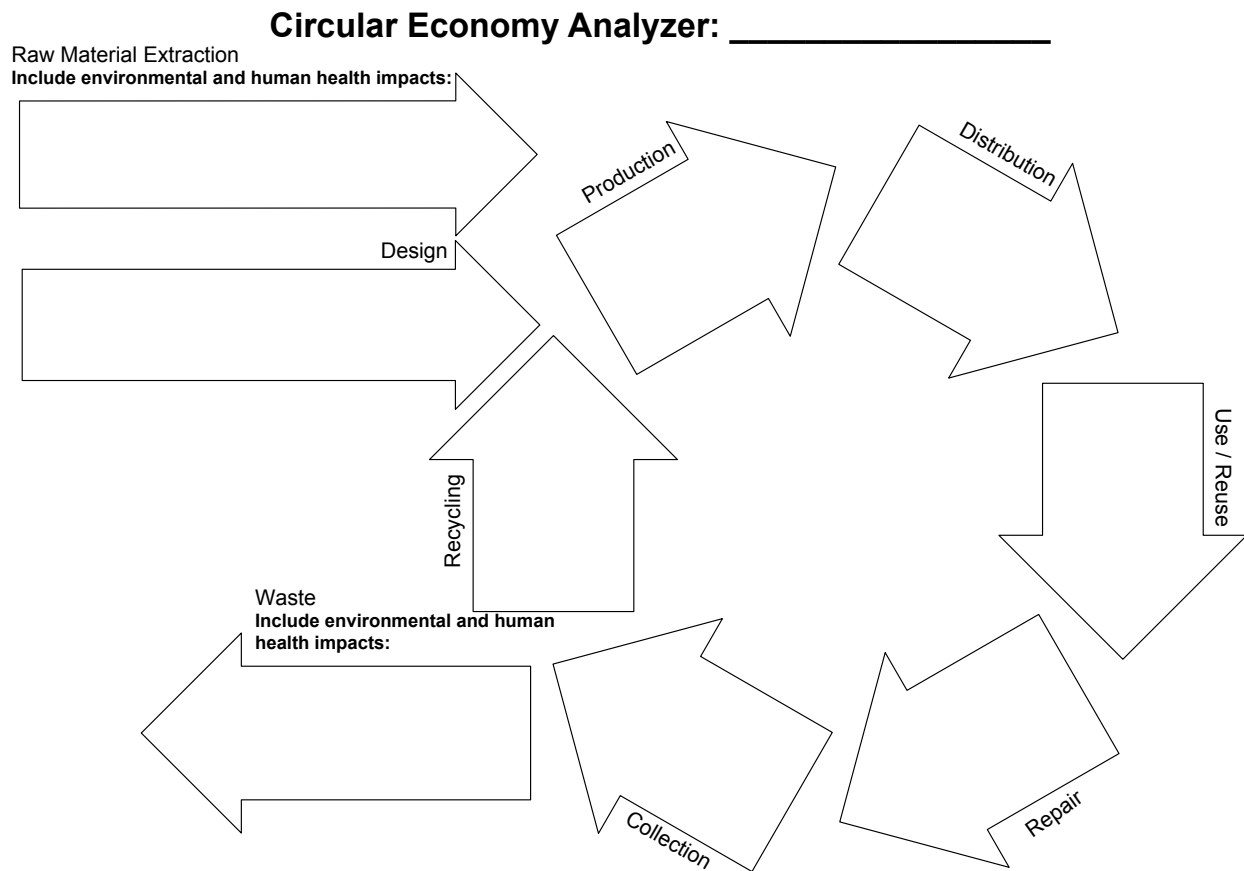


# Circular Economy Analyzer

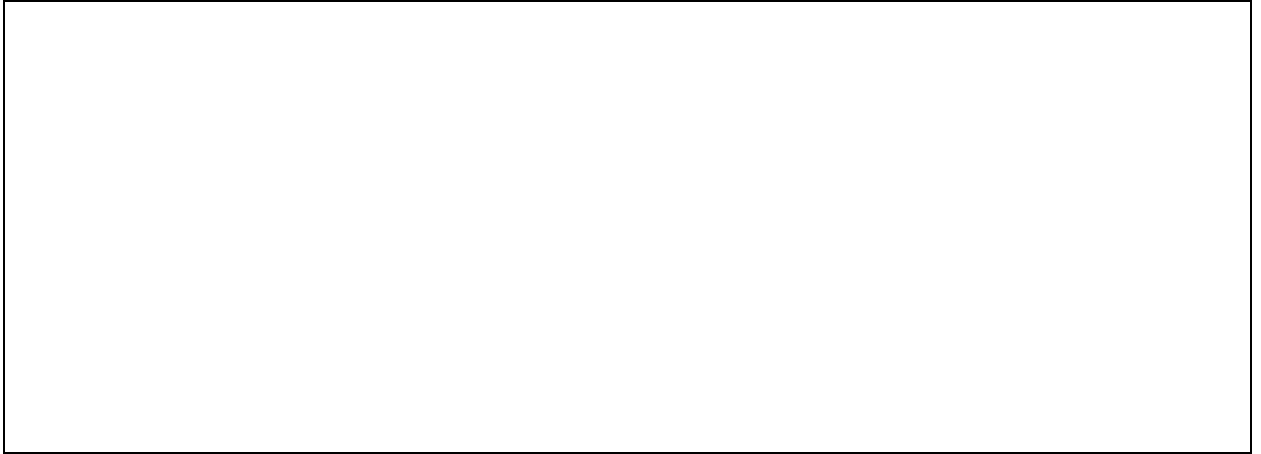
**Directions:** Fill in each section of the circular economy with words and/or drawings to describe what happens in that step. For the Waste arrow, consider the different kinds of waste that might be created from each step, including landfill waste, pollution, and other types of waste and impacts. If you do not have enough information to fill in an arrow, you can write “Needs more research”—and then keep learning more!



No economy is perfectly circular! The goals are to keep as much material in the circular part of the economy as possible, and to minimize the need for extraction and waste.

Circular Economy Analysis: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What would a linear economy normally look like for this product? Draw a picture and/or describe in words.



2. What makes this circular economy different from the linear economy you described in Question 1?

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3. How does the circular economy for this product help to reduce impacts on the environment, human health, and local community compared to a linear economy?

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4. What kinds of rethinking and redesigning were necessary to move from the linear economy to the circular economy?

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5. Which steps in this circular economy are the strongest? For each step, identify why you think it is strong, and how it helps to minimize impacts on the environment or human health.

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6. Which steps in this circular economy are the weakest? For each step, identify why you think it is weak, and how it could be improved to help minimize impacts on the environment or human health.

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