Discussion Questions:

1. Of the two sites, which one contains more microplastics?
2. What factors could influence the amount of microplastics found in the two sites?
3. The data indicates more microplastics are found at the surface sites versus the benthic sites. Why would this be?
4. How do the microplastic numbers compare at sites 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5? Is there a trend?
5. If there is a trend shown, why did the microplastic numbers increase / decrease from site to site?
6. Of the microplastics collected, which type is most common in the Antarctic?
7. Why do you think this is?
8. How can microplastics impact our ocean habitats and ultimately impact us?
9. What can we do to reduce the microplastic epidemic?
10. Which plastic item do you choose to reduce the use of in your daily life?