

# Consumer Studies 1202

## Movie Assignment #2

### Erin Brockovich

After watching the movie "Erin Brockovich". Please complete all the following questions.

1. This film depicts a corporation intent on making a profit at the expense of public interest. Identify the following:
  - A. What the corporation did that was wrong and why they did? (Specifically refer to the water situation) (4 points.)
  - B. What, if any, were the repercussions to the public as a result of the corporations actions? (2 points.)
  - C. What was the final outcome for the plaintiffs? (2 points)
2. Corporations can often wield more power than smaller businesses owned by sole proprietor or partnerships. This can be both positive and negative. Discuss one positive and one negative aspect of corporate ownership as it applies to this film. (2 points)
3. One of the dangers with battling a corporation is that they often create "hoops" that the plaintiff must jump through. Identify what the corporation tried to do to hinder the court action. ( 2 points)
4. The success of this litigation was due to the number of people and groups involved. Choose two and explain how they contributed to the ultimate outcome. (4 points.)