

"R" YOU READY TO HELP THE PLANET?

Objective: Students will research ways to help the planet by using words that begin with the letter "R."

Illinois State Goals: 1.A., 12.E., 17.C.

Top Book Hits:

Earth Book For Kids by Linda Schwartz; **ISBN 13- 978-0-88160-195-4**

365 Ways to Live Green for Kids by Sheri Amsel;

ISBN 13- 978-60550-634-0

The Everything Kids' Environment Book by Sheri Amsel;

ISBN 13- 978-1-59869-670-7

The New 50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth

by Sophie Javna; **ISBN 13- 978-0740777462**



Materials Needed:

- Media such as a dictionary, library books &/or web access (optional)

Procedure:

1. Students may work individually or in small groups for this activity. Place the words, "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" on the board.
2. Ask the students to explain what these three words mean to them by using each word in an action sentence. Examples: "I will bring cloth bags to the grocery store to reduce the amount of paper or plastic going to the landfill."; "I can reuse 2 liter plastic bottles to make bird feeders." ; and "I can recycle all the aluminum cans that my family uses."
3. At the conclusion of the discussion, instruct students to think of additional words that begin with the letter "R" that can be used to help the environment. These "R" words are to be used in a sentence to explain how they can help. Students may find it helpful to use various media for ideas. Examples include: "Renewable Resources" such as corn and soybeans can be used to make fuels for our cars and trucks. OR I will "repair" items when possible, rather than just throwing them away.
4. As students think of new words, place the words on the board to encourage discussion.

Explore More: Students may draw posters to depict how the "R" words can help the planet. Students may target their research to show how agriculture is helping the environment. This activity complements Top 40 Hits Lesson #9 Lend a Hand for the Heart of the Earth.