

Close Reading

Plus Writing Activities

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Teaching Environmental Science through

Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary,
Posters, and Reflection

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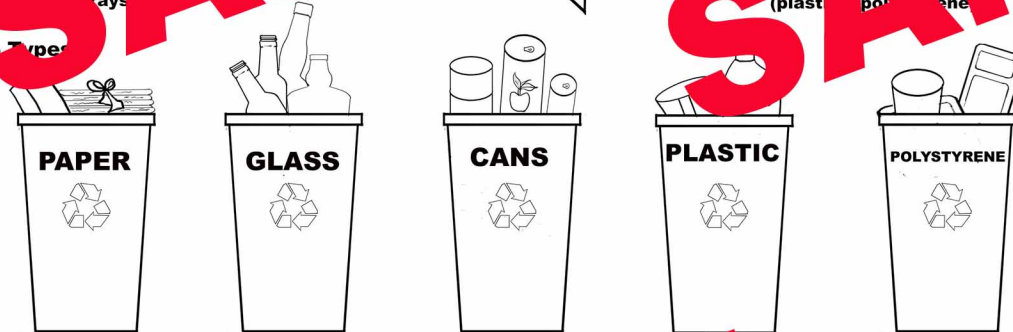
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What have you learned about recycling?
I learned that plastic and polystyrene are not biodegradable.

More and more garbage! Every day people throw more trash away. As the world population increases, more people throw more trash away. Garbage trucks come to pick it up, but where does all this trash go? Most of it is hauled away to sanitary landfills. A landfill is where garbage is dumped in heaps from garbage trucks. Some landfills are lined on the bottom with a layer of clay soil to cover plastic. Bulldozers push the garbage into neat piles. Then they cover it with dirt so that it won't smell and so that animals and bugs will stay away.

Most people don't want landfills near where they live. At times there is so much garbage now that, in many places, there isn't enough room to bury all of it. Where can it all go? One solution is to cut down on the amount of trash we make. We can do this by recycling some of our garbage to make it into new things. Recycling means reusing materials instead of throwing them away. It's a good idea. We learn a lot from it. We learn that we can live and our planet will be safer and healthier. Recycle! Recycle! Recycle! It's fun and easy. RECYCLE!

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Why isn't there enough room for landfills?	There isn't enough room for landfills because most people want to live near where there are landfills.
What is recycling?	Recycling means reusing materials instead of throwing them away.
List two actions we can do to help reducing garbage.	We can help reducing garbage by cutting down the amount of trash we make and recycling some of our garbage to make it into new things.

Plastic bottles. Plastic bags. Plastic plates. Plastic containers. Plastic is made from molecules called polymers, which are derived from petroleum. The plastic is heated, sometimes dyed, and poured into new plastic products. A big problem with plastic is that it doesn't biodegrade. forever! Instead of being allowed to fill landfills, litter roadside wildlife, plastic can be recycled and use again. RECYCLE! Like glass bottles and aluminum cans, some plastic bottles returned for a deposit refund. These bottles will be sent away recycled into new plastic products. First the old plastic is cleaned, chopped up, melted down, and molded into new recycled products. Recycling plastic saves natural resources such as oil and gas. It's a good idea. We learn a lot from it. We learn that we can live and our planet will be safer and healthier. Recycle! Recycle! Recycle! It's fun and easy. RECYCLE!

What is most plastic made from?	Most plastic is made from molecules called polymers, which are derived from petroleum.
Explain how old plastic is made into new recycled products.	First, the old plastic is cleaned, chopped up, melted down, and molded into new recycled products.
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recycle	reuse materials instead of throwing them away
biodegrade	be eaten or broken down by tiny organisms, and the waste is very tiny
pollution	contamination, uncleanness, dirtiness
energy	power, force, strength

Getting Started Recycle Close Reading

1. It is suggested to prepare the following items:

Item needed	Teacher	Student
The book Recycle! by Gibbons	V	
Lesson plan		
Handwritten poster	Teacher can blow the original black and white sample into a poster.	
Info Organizer	V	V
Blank Paper for Drawing on Day 1	V	V
6 Reading Passages	V	V
6 Text Dependent Questions Sets	V	V
Vocabulary	V	V
1 Recycle Black and White Drawing	V	
1 Recycle Black and White Drawing with labels		
1 Recycle Color Drawing	*	*
1 Recycle Color Drawing with labels	Teacher can blow the original black and white sample into a poster and color it.	Students may create the poster in groups by using teacher's sample and make a great group project.
Teacher Prepared Sample Packaged Recycle Color Drawing with labels Handwritten poster with Post-it notes Info Organizer completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 Reading Passages with marks 6 Text Dependent Questions Sets with answers Vocab Sheet with answers 	* I type as much as possible to make it as easy as possible for you to follow along and write to model for your students.	
Sharpie	V	V
Crayon/Markers	V	V
Post-It	*	

V: must, *: optional

2. Read the lesson plan.
3. Look at the finished sample works included.
4. Photocopy 15 page package (1 Empty page for drawing, 1 Info Organizer, 6 Reading Passages, 6 Text Dependent Questions Sets, and 1 Vocab Sheet) for students. Make an extra set for the teacher to use.

The lesson is designed as cross-curriculum among Science/Environment/Recycle, and Fine Arts using close reading and Graphic strategies.

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