

POP! TEACHER RESOURCE

Lesson Plan

Citizenship

Lesson Plan for *Earth Day*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.

Things Needed

- *Earth Day* book
- Trash bag
- Bag for recycling

Before the Activity

Read *Earth Day* out loud to students.

Activity

As a class, brainstorm the answers to the following questions:

- What can the government do to protect Earth? (Possible Answers: create holidays to celebrate Earth, make laws, etc.)
- What can individual people do to help Earth? (Possible Answers: plant trees, pick up trash, protest against companies that cause pollution, recycle, etc.)
- What can our class or school do to help Earth? (Possible Answers: pick up trash, recycle, etc.)

Then, go outside as a class, bringing the trash bag and bag for recycling with you. Walk around the school. Students can pick up trash and bring it to you to put in the trash bag. They can put items for recycling in the recycling bag. Have students wash their hands when they return inside.



Evaluation

Could students recall details from the text about what governments and people can do to protect Earth?

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.2).

