

The Landfill Link

TAKING IT A STEP FURTHER: RESOURCES AND SUGGESTIONS

SUGGESTIONS

1. Throw a pledge party. Have students solicit promises for improved recycling practices from schoolmates and family members. Remember to copy enough pledges to go around! Mail leftovers to friends.
2. Study “No Impact Man” site. What would you do?
3. Borrow a cart. Set up a “traveling museum”. Students from your class “travel” to other classes with the finished products of these lessons. Let them teach their schoolmates about recycling and renewal.
4. Host a “Trash-a-thon”. Classes compete to see which class recycles the most. If money is involved, donate the winnings to a local community garden or park in the class’ name.
5. Purchase a composting worm bin and really put those apple cores to good use!
6. Discuss alternatives to throwing out unwanted household good. Some options include freecycling, donations to charity and swapping. Book swap anyone?
7. Enroll in the Department of Sanitation’s “Golden Apple Awards” (see website). Win thousands for your school!
8. Discussion: How do non-visual artists use recycling? Hint: think music sampling.
9. Research landfills that have become parks across the country. Mount Trashmore (in Virginia) boasts some 800,000 visitors a year!
10. Are there any community gardens in your neighborhood? Investigate locations that have been “recycled” into public spaces.

WEBSITES

Department of Sanitation
www.nyc.gov/sanitation

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
www.nycgovparks.org

No Impact Man
www.noimpactman.typepad.com

Earth 911
www.earth911.org

Natural Resources Defense Council
www.nrdc.org

World Wildlife Fund
www.panda.org

Kids Recycle
www.kidsrecycle.org

Keep America Beautiful
www.kab.org

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