

Recycling- An Earth Day Mini Unit With Close Read/Text Dependent Questions

Included are 3 versions of this article to help you differentiate your instruction!

Students can independently read an article on their own reading level. This makes perfect homework or morning work!

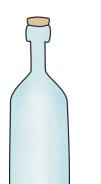
Expose your students to more rigorous texts by using a more complicated version of the article for a shared reading or close read experience.

Use the included text dependent questions as writing prompts or to guide conversations. Sunny and Bright in First Grade- 2014

What is recycling?

Recycling is a way to take trash that we no longer need and turn it into new products. There are many different things that can be recycled. Some materials that are often recycled are plastic, glass, metal, paper and electronics. Some items that are made from these materials include: soda cans, plastic milk cartons, newspapers, old computers and cardboard boxes. These are products that can be easily recycled!









Why should werecycle?

There are many benefits to recycling. When items are recycled there is less trash. This saves space in dumps and landfills. When we recycle we are using items over and over again. This protects the earth's natural resources. Recycling produces less pollution than creating brand new items. This helps to keep our environment clean.

The Recycling Loop

The recycling loop is a symbol for recycling. It is an image of three arrows that form a loop. Each arrow is meant to represent a different step in the recycling process. One arrow represents collecting recyclable materials. The next loop represents processing the old materials and making new items. The third arrow represents buying items that are made from recycled materials. Each one of these steps is equally important in the recycling process.

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There are many reasons we should recycle. When things are recycled there is less trash. This means there is less in dumps and landfills. When we recycle we use things over and over again. This protects earth's natural resources. Recycling causes less pollution than creating new items. This helps keep our environment clean.

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Recycling Facts

- If everyone in the U.S. recycled just 10% of their newsprint, we would save 25 million trees a year!
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV set for 3 hours or a lightbulb for 20 hours!
- Aluminum can be recycled from cans, bicycles, computers, cookware, wires, cars, planes and other sources.
- Recycling old aluminum uses only 5% of the energy that is needed to make new aluminum.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 tress, 7,000 gallons of water and 4,000 hours of electricity.



Summarize what recycling is and why it is important..

Explain three of the benefits of recycling.

What materials can be easily recycled? What items does the author think should be routinely recycled?

Explain what recycling is and how it benefits the earth. Use details from the text to support your answer.

Which is the most important step in the recycling process? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Explain what the recycling loop represents.

The author states that recycling protects earth's "natural resources". What does this mean?

Write a narrative about recycling. Use key details from the text in your writing.

Write a persuasive essay about recycling. Use facts about recycling and details from the text in your writing.



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