

An Action Plan for a Sustainable Future

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Synopsis

All citizens in developed countries must be aware of the impact they are making on the environment upon which all living things depend. In this unit, students will explore many of the ways that they can affect the environment. This unit begins with a goal setting activity, and culminates with each student making a commitment to make a change in his or her habits, which will have a positive influence on their environmental impact. Food webs and population studies form the foundation of these lessons. Such practices as using disposable plastic water bottles and home water use will be scrutinized and other alternatives will be presented. The scientific method will be enlisted as students analyze the benefits and costs of bottled water and other water sources.