

Teacher Tool 11: What More Can We Recycle?

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Learning Objectives:

1. Students will develop a list items that can be recycled and develop a plan to successfully recycle at least one item on their list.

Type of Teacher Tool: Whole Class and Small Group Activity

Targeted Grade Level(s): 6-8

Targeted Curriculum Areas: Science

Targeted Standards(s):

Resources/Materials Needed:

1. Large squares of paper for brainstorming ideas, one each marked: Home, School, Community.
2. Rules for brainstorming visible in the room.
3. Magic markers.
4. Environment 18 “Sam’s Story”.

Teacher Instructions:

1. Have the students watch the video listed above.
2. Have the students split into three groups and sit around one of the papers marked Home, School, or Community and brainstorm ideas of materials in each place that could be recycled that are not currently being recycled.
3. Give each group 1-3 minutes to brainstorm ideas and get them on the paper.
4. Have each group rotate to a new paper until all groups have given ideas on each sheet of paper.
5. After all groups have brainstormed on each sheet, have the original groups rank the top five ideas from each poster and then present those top 5 ideas to the class.

Assessment/Evaluation Option:

1. Have each student select one or more (your choice) of the top 5 items on the list from his/her group and list the steps he/she would take to successfully recycle that item/those items.