Everything Is Connected

Introduction:

"Everything is connected to everything else" is often called the First Law of Ecology. This activity encourages students to consider the connections between aspects of our natural environment and human society.

Materials:

Chalkboard and chalk
or
Large pieces of butcher paper/flip chart paper
Markers
Tape

Procedures:

1. Write the words "More People" in the middle of the chalkboard. Tell students that you want them to think of what might be the environmental, economic or social impacts of there being more people. You may want to provide an example, such as... "more people"... might mean "more cars on the road" or "more houses." Next to "More People," draw an arrow and add one of these concepts. Be sure to tell students that there are no right or wrong answers, but you may ask them to explain their proposed connections. Also, let them know that the cause and effect relationship can be positive, negative or neutral.

2. Invite students to come up to the board, a few at a time, to add to this word web. They may add on to the central concept, "More People," or add on to what someone else may have contributed. For each concept that a student adds, he/she should draw arrows to any of the other concepts that form a cause and effect relationship. The object is for the class to create a large and interconnected web.

3. After all of the students have had a chance to contribute to the web and have taken their seats, walk them through the web, starting from the middle. You may wish to ask individual students to explain their additions to the web and to see if other members of the class agree or disagree.

Alternative Procedures:

Instead of having students create one large future wheel on the chalkboard, divide students into groups of three or four and distribute butcher paper and markers to each group. As cooperative groups, they will construct their future wheels, filling the paper as completely as possible. Then have each group tape up their future wheel and allow time for students to view each group's work. You may want to have a representative from each group explain some of the cause and effect relationships on their wheel.
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MORE
PEOPLE

Less
Landfill
Space

Less
Clean
Water

More
Trash

More
Noise

More
Factories

More
Pollution

More
Gas &
Oil
Burned

Less
Clean
Air

More
Inventions

More
Houses

More
Logging

More
Construction

More
Roads

More
Drilling

Less
Fossil
Fuels
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Fewer
Trees

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Species

Less
Animal
Habitat

More
Soil
Erosion

More
Crime

More
Poverty

Future Wheel Sample

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Follow-up Activity:

Using cut-out pictures from magazines, students can recreate their word web into a visual display on poster board or a classroom bulletin board. This way, the activity can be shared with other students in the school and with parents and community members for special event nights.
Help end childhood hunger in America.

Tyson Foods, Share Our Strength; the stars of AFC’s rF lineup and other caring companies urge you to help fight hunger by taking part in The 2004 Great American Bake Sale: Share Our Strength, is one of the leading organizations working to present hunger and poverty in America. Through donations to Share Our Strength, Tyson Foods has helped serve protein-enriched meals to hungry families across the country.

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'Up to T million pounds nationally.
Sandra Mailer, 42, has come with her son Matthew, 11, to pick up emergency food for the first time in her life. Mailer worked as a computer specialist for the U.S. Forest Service for 20 years, quit because of family problems, then was laid off from an administrative assistant job when the economy slid south. "We don't have health insurance anymore," she says. "One more bad cum, and I don't know what we'll do."

Mailer stares down at a paper bag containing cans of tuna, boxes of cereal and a big jar of peanut butter. "I never thought I'd be standing here," she says. "It kind of makes you feel depressed and worthless. But I have to do whatever it takes to feed Matthew." She says her son refuses to eat the cheap meals of milk and powdered mashed potatoes that she's been forced to serve, and he's started acting up at school. Authorities have insisted that he attend anger-management classes.

"We had everything once," Taller says. "Now we have to start over from nothing."

Under the radar, below the safety net

The South Bronx Health Center sits in the shadow of New York's Bruckner Expressway. This state-of-the-art facility, built by a charity called The Children's Health Fund, is at the center of another community that doesn't register on most Americans' radar. In a white lab coat and tie decorated with balloons, Dr. Shawn Bowen, 38, treats children in one of urban America's most hard-bitten neighborhoods. He came here because his student loans would be forgiven if he worked in this "third world" environment. He staved when he learned of the fathomless need and the importance of an African American male role model.

Like many of America's emergency medical providers, Dr. Bowen says he's seeing an increase in the number of children suffering from the medical effects of malnutrition, called "failure to thrive" (FIT). These children have trouble concentrating...
Betty Crocker Bake Sale Tips

Gather Support
• Whether you are organizing a bake sale as an individual or as part of a team, you’ll need some helping hands.
• Holding a bake sale with another group is a great way to show you both care about the community. Team up with a local business, youth group, community organization, or friendly competitor.

Round Up Volunteers
• Enlist as many bakers as possible so there will be lots of goodies to choose from. Go to www.bettycrocker.com for easy and delicious recipes.
• Establish a Volunteer Committee.
• Assign everyone specific roles like baking, decorating, advertising or cleaning up afterward.
• Make a task list with names, contact information, and work shifts, including set-up and clean-up crews.

Get The Word Out
• Promote your bake sale a few weeks ahead of time.
• Alert your local newspaper, radio station or ABC affiliate, and ask local merchants to put up fliers announcing your bake sale.
• Visit the Great American Bake Sale website to list your bake sale, download fliers, and send e-mail reminders to friends.

Savor Your Success.
Don’t forget to thank volunteers and send follow-up information about your bake sale’s success.

Be Creative
• Consider following a theme, showcasing live music from local bands or having face-painting for the kids.
• Identify your team with bright name tags.

Pricing
• Keep pricing simple.
• Try offering baked goods for a donation rather than a set price—you may find that people are very generous.
• Don’t forget to sell cold drinks, water or coffee!

Educate Buyers
• Inform people about the issue of child hunger—just make copies of the first panel to hand out at your bake sale. You can also download state hunger statistics at www.greatamericanbakesale.org.

Safety
• Post ingredient cards for all items. (Download ingredient cards at www.greatamericanbakesale.org.)
• ALWAYS label goods that contain nut or other possible foods that could cause allergies.
• If you have liability concerns, number each product and ask buyers to sign under the number at the time of purchase.

Get big groups involved—follow the 4-H Club lead as Kids Bake America Better™!
4-H is committed to help end child hunger. Look for Great American Bake Sales hosted by your local 4-H Club, Betty Crocker’s youth partner.
4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship & life skills. Learn more at www.4husa.org.

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