

Grade: 1st grade

Subject: History

Topic: Humans and the Environment

Standard: G.9.1.1 Explain positive and negative effects humans have on the environment (e.g., litter, pollution, planting trees, recycling) D2.Geo.5.K

Tools: Clips and Kids Search

Implementation: We will begin the lesson by discussing what we already know about recycling. We will then use our textbook to discuss what littering and pollution are and why they are bad for our environment. I will ask to students to recall on their own experiences with these things and to discuss how it makes them feel and what they think. We will also talk about the benefits of planting trees and gardens. Afterwards, I will have the students break up into groups of 4 to do research on one of these topics using kidssearch.com. Once they have completed their research and have a good amount of information about their topic (recycling, pollution, littering, or planting trees/plants) I will set them up with an iPad to record a short video about their topic. I will oversee the process of researching and making the videos in case anyone gets stuck or needs help staying on task. The groups will swap iPads when they are done and watch each other's videos to further their knowledge.