



Recycling: Small actions, big benefits

Lesson Plan

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Title of Activity: Recycling: Small actions, big benefits	Subject area: Social & Political Education / Biology / Environmental Education
Grade Level(s): 14-15 ages	Duration: 2 Teaching hours

Learning objectives:

Students should be able to:

- define the concept of recycling,
- recognize basic recyclable materials,
- understand the benefits of recycling for the environment and society,
- develop ecological awareness,
- adopt a positive attitude towards recycling.

Teaching Method:

Teamwork

Teaching Techniques: Dialogue, teamwork

Materials / Resources / Technology use: Board/Interactive whiteboard, Worksheet, pictures or short video about recycling, Cardboard/markers (optional)

Activity Description:

Introduction

Step 1: Question for students

"What do you do with trash at home? Do you recycle?"

Write down the answers on the board.

Briefly show videos or images related to recycling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79hKtPs4weU>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpAnLXc_bIU

Step 2: Divide students into 4–5 groups.

Each group takes on a topic:

- What is recycling and why is it important?
- What is recycling and why is it important?
- What materials are recycled?
- What mistakes do we make when recycling?

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- What happens if we don't recycle?
- How can our school recycle properly?

The groups complete a worksheet and prepare a short presentation.

Step 3: Each group presents its conclusions.

This is followed by a discussion and clarifications from the teacher.

Connection to the students' everyday lives.

Step 4: Closing question:

"What one change can I make starting tomorrow regarding recycling?" (Ask the municipality to place colored recycling bins in the schoolyard.)

Closure: Students become aware of the issue of recycling.

Assesment

We discuss feelings, thoughts, and experiences from this activity. Group and individual reflection.

Bibliographic references

Video

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