

Environmental Ethics

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Unit: Environmental Ethics (Week 11, 4 Weeks) 

Essential Questions

- § What are the major dilemmas facing the Earth's natural resources?
- § What and who are the major contributors these challenges?
- § Who is responsible?
- § Who are the stakeholders?
- § Whose "happiness" counts - ours, our children's, our grandchildren's, etc?
- § Is sustainable living possible?
- § Are sustainable business practices possible?
- § Can we return to pre-industrialized living? Do we want to?
- § If we do not wish to turn away from technological and industrial growth, how do we rectify our expansion with our need or desire to preserve and protect our natural resources?

Content

The Rediscovery of North America, by Barry Lopez
"Bag It", documentary
The World in 2050 by Lawrence Smith

Skills

Bloom's Taxonomy

Identify the greatest challenges to the Earth's natural resources
Identify who and what challenges Earth's resources
Understand the interrelatedness of ecosystems
Determine the frailty or resilience of our natural resources
Define sustainability
Discuss solutions

Assessments

The Rediscovery of North America, Barry Lopez

Performance: Authentic Task

Students read the essay in advance of class discussions. Discussion format is Harkness Table. Students are instructed in the methods and requirements of the discussions format and are assessed for leadership and participation as defined in the grading rubric.

Oral Presentation of a Moral Dilemma

Oral: Presentation

One student each day will present a current moral dilemma from a media source. The presentation will follow the DISORDER method of case analysis and is to last 5-10 minutes. Students may have notes, but are to speak with knowledge and confidence on their topic. At the end of the presentation, all students are given the opportunity to ask information, clarifying, or challenge questions.

Essay Test

Test: Written

In class essay exam requiring full written responses to selected questions on the topic of environmental ethics. Some questions refer directly to the reading for the unit, some refer to the documentary, and others are more general.

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