



Old Enough to Save the Planet

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Old Enough to Save the Planet will inspire students to look at their own communities and make a difference. Learn about 12 student activists who are working on climate change in their communities.

READ

Before: Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *what do you think this story is about?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings.

During: Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in everyday conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Key Words

reforestation - the act of planting tree seeds or young trees in an area where there used to be a forest

biodiversity - the existence of many different kinds of plants and animals in an environment

endangered species - used to describe a type of animal or plant that has become very rare and that could die out completely

biodegrades - capable of being slowly destroyed and broken down into very small parts by natural processes, bacteria, etc.

organic - grown or made without the use of artificial chemicals

pollinators - gives a plant pollen from another plant of the same kind so that seeds will be produced

freshwater -water that is not salty

After: What was Felix concerned about in his country? What was his plan, Plant-for-the-Planet, focused on doing?

Himangi Halder was concerned with reducing the effects of traffic pollution. How did she encourage change, and what actions did she organize?

Amy and sister Ella set up a charity to share their knowledge and get others involved in their mission. What are some of the ways they help reduce plastic waste?

What was Friends of Nature focused on preserving? What are some of the things they did to allow new coral reefs to grow?

Hunter Mitchell worked to protect animals. Why are some African animals in need of our protection?

Which of the activists would you like to support?

Is there something you would like to change in your community?

What are some things you can do to make your voice heard?



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Research! Check out these websites to learn more about climate change:

<https://climatekids.nasa.gov/>

<https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/>

Watch: The Case for Optimism on Climate Change

<https://www.climaterealityproject.org/video/video-case-optimism-climate-change>



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