

Lesson Plan:

Town of North Hempstead Earth Day T-shirt Contest

Grade Level: Middle/High School (6-12)

Curriculum Connections: Fine Arts, Language Arts (listening skills), History, & Science

Class Time: 45 Minutes to an hour (this lesson can be given as an extra credit assignment or done as a class project)

Earth Day Educational lesson plan is made up of four (4) components:

- 1) A history of Earth Day
- 2) Five (5) biographies of people who have made a significant impact on our environment.
- 3) Nature Poem Activity. (This lesson gives students a chance to express their creativity.)
- 4) An image designed by a student of North Hempstead to be used on T-shirts and Posters for this year's Town of North Hempstead celebration of Earth day.

Teacher Guide

Summary:

The Town of North Hempstead is once again getting ready for Earth Day and hopes you and your students will join us for this year's celebration. There will be events all over the Town geared towards community clean ups and educating residents on ways we can make our earth a cleaner place to live.

Earth Day is one of the Town's most cherished events of the year and residents of all ages and from all communities participate in this yearly celebration.

We hope you and your students will join us in celebrating Earth Day this year!

Objective:

To gain an understanding of our environment and community by creating an image to be used on T-shirts and posters for the Town of North Hempstead's celebration of Earth Day. This may be accomplished through the use of fine arts, science, language arts and/or history skills.

How to begin:

- a) Introduce the lesson by giving the students a history of Earth Day.
- b) Ask the student to read one or all of the biographies of the five Earth Day chosen environmentalists: Margaret Murie, "Grandmother of the Conservation Movement", Andy Lipkis, founder of TreePeople, Rachel Carson, author of "Silent Spring," Noble Peace Prize Winner, Wangari Maathai and Senator Gaylord Nelson, "The Founder of Earth Day". *

**In order for us to better serve our environment and not waste paper this year's chosen biographies can be found at www.NorthHempsteadNY.gov/TeachersCorner. These biographies can be either read on-line or be printed for distribution to your students.*

- c) Start a dialogue with your students.
- d) Explain the student activity page and contest rules.

Student Activity:

Over the past decade the Town of North Hempstead has created a T-shirt for its celebration of Earth Day. This t-shirt is given out to local civic groups, students, and residents who are holding special community clean-ups around our Town. Once again we are reaching out to our young constituents and asking them to design a T-shirt based on the theme **Town of North Hempstead- "Keeping it Green!"**

Contest Rules:

1. The contest is open to all students in grade levels 6th-12th.
2. Designs must be on 8.5" by 11" paper. (Sample sheet is below.)
3. Design is limited to three colors (**BLUE, GREEN, & BLACK**)
4. Students may enter as many times as they would like.
5. Mail Entries to:

**Town of North Hempstead
Earth Day T-Shirt Contest
Attn: Environmental Outreach Team
1601 Marcus Avenue
New Hyde Park, NY 11040**

All entries must be in by Friday, March 26, 2010.

If you have questions about the contest please contact:

Environmental Outreach Team
311 or (516) 869-6311
OutreachTeam@NorthHempsteadNY.gov

To make this event extra special, for each of you:

1. The teacher from each participating class will receive an Earth Day T-shirt
2. A Certificate of "Thanks" from Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman

Teachers who participate in this lesson should send in their student's entries together. We must receive all entries by no later than Friday, March 26, 2010. If you do not think you will make the deadline of (by mailing the designs in), please call (516) 869-6311 to schedule a pickup.

A winner will be chosen from each participating school. The winners will be chosen by the Earth Day Educational Outreach Committee and will be notified through the main office at each school. School winners will receive an Earth Day T-shirt and be honored at our Annual Earth Day Awards Nights at the Town of North Hempstead Club House at Harbor Links Golf Course in Port Washington on DATES TBA. The Grand Prize winner will also receive a prize to be determined.

Thank you very much for your time and "Happy Earth Day" to you and your class!



Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

DIRECTIONS: On the other side of this page, is a blank t-shirt. Draw your design for the Town of North Hempstead's Earth Day T-shirt. Your school will be notified if your design was selected as the winner.

