

Title of Lesson Plan: Soil Conservation and the EU

Grade: 3

Essential Question- What can American third graders learn about soil conservation from the EU?

Time: Two 50-60 minute blocks

Objectives: Students will describe the ways people are destructive to soil and the related consequences. Students will list the actions the EU is taking to conserve soil. Students will develop a plan listing the ways children can conserve soil. They will share their plans by creating posters to be displayed throughout the school.

Materials Needed: “Let Me Tell You a Secret About the Environment” published by the European Commission. Chart paper or poster board, crayons and markers.

1. **First Step-**Write the Essential Question on the board and begin by asking students to name the ways they think people hurt soil and list on chart paper. List the behavior and the consequence next to the behavior.
2. **Second Step-**Tell Ss that the EU wrote a book for children about conservation because they know how important it is to conserve. (Students will already have background knowledge about the EU from a previous lesson titled “What Can Third Graders Learn About Cooperation from the European Union?”) Teacher reads the book while Ss listen for ways people can conserve.
(Steps 1 and 2 take about 50-60 min. to implement)
3. **Third Step-** Ss are to work in cooperative groups to create posters that list ways children can conserve learned from the book.
4. **Fourth Step-**Each group will share their poster with the class and then display in the school hallways.
5. **Fifth Step-**“Individual Reflection”-Ss are to write in their journals a plan to conserve at home.

(Steps 3 and 4 take about 50-60 min. to implement)

Assessment: Ss will be evaluated by group participation on the poster project and by assessing their conservation plan entered journals.

Extension: *Ss develop a presentation to inform other grades in the school about soil conservation.

*Ss write their own books that teach conservation and share with k-2 Ss.

Science Competency Goal 2 (2.03, 2.05)

Social Studies Competency Goals 1 (1.01, 1.05), 4 (4.02, 4.04)

Language Arts Competency Goals 2 (2.02, 2.05), 4 (4.02, 4.03, 4.09)

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