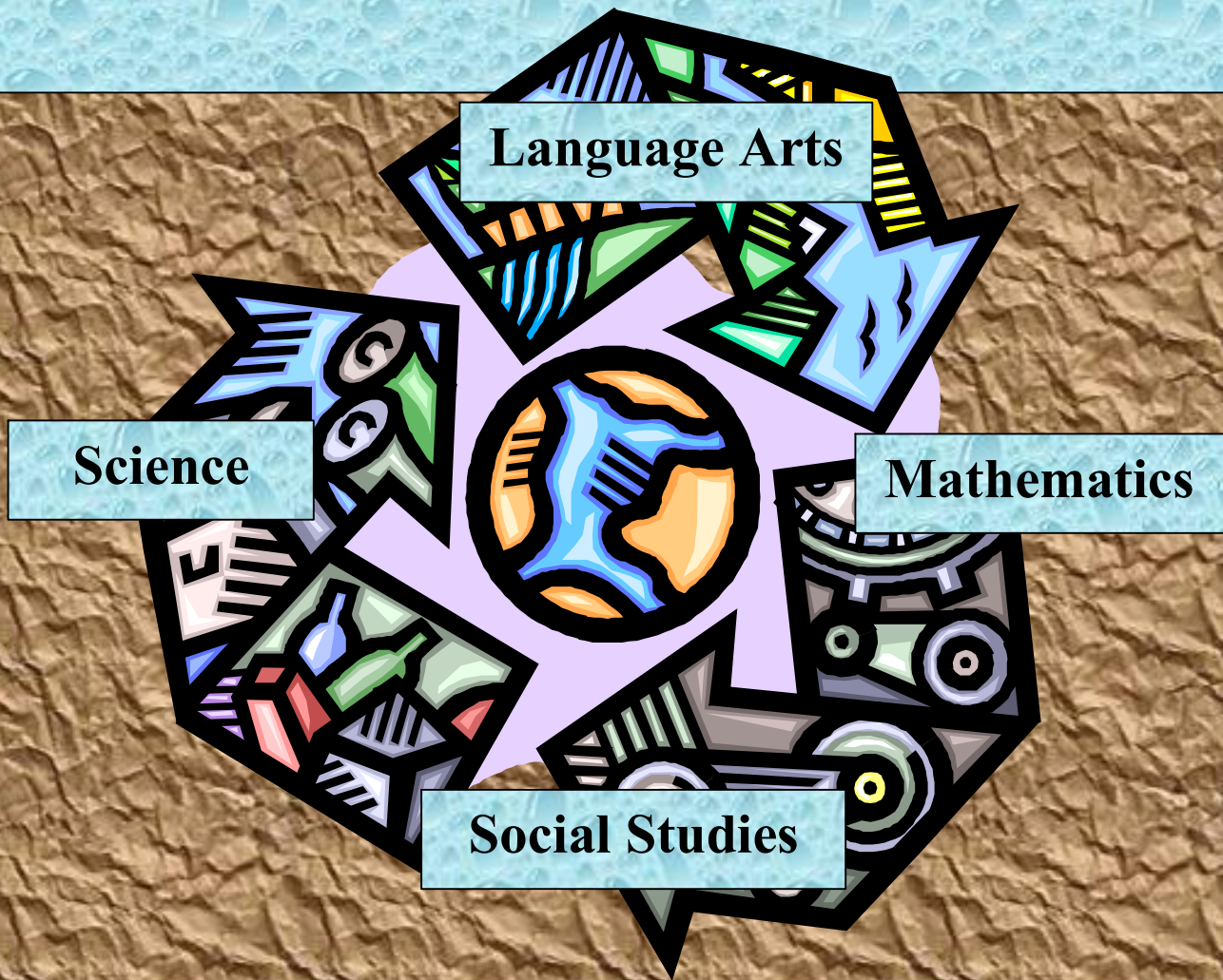


Garbology

A Thematic Unit about Trash

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Garbology
Language Arts Activities
Lesson 13
Writing Activities

Objective:

Students will participate in several writing activities.

Materials:

Worksheet packet 13.

Opener:

Review the writing process.

Activity:

Several writing activities are included over the following pages. This activity may be done in many different ways.

- 1) Teachers may select which writings the children will do.
- 2) Students may select which writings they will do.
- 3) The activities can be copied and cut up for students to draw and assignment.

Closure:

Students should share their writings with the class.

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Writing Activities

Name _____ Period _____

Directions: Over the next few pages are several writing activities. Follow the directions for each lesson.

- 1) Books on Trash** - Find some books about trash. Your school or county librarian has many books on trash. Several recommended readings about garbage are listed below:
- a) *The Throwaway Society*. Lee, Sally. New York: Franklin Watt, 1990
 - b) *Toxic Waste and Recycling*. Hawkes, Nigel. New York: Gloucester Press. 1988
 - c) *Wastes*. Miller, Christina and Berry, Louise. New York: Franklin Watts, 1986
 - d) *Poisoned Land*. Kifer, Irene. New York: Anteneum. 1981
 - e) *Throwing Things Away*. Pringle, Laurence. New York: Cromwell. 1986
 - f) *Toxic Waste*. Weiss, Malcome E. New York: Franklin Watts, 1984
 - g) *Pollution*. Woods, Geraldine and Harold. New York: Franklin Watts, 1985

Read the books with a friend and talk about the book.

Pretend that you are a book critic. Begin by telling a synopsis (what the book was about). Finish by giving your opinion of the book.

Create a cartoon or drawing to go with your critique.

2) A Story about Trash.

Pretend that you are a piece of trash that gets thrown away. Write a story about what happens to the piece of trash.

3) The Mayor's Problem.

You are the mayor of a city and there is too much trash in your dump. What will you do?

4) The President's Trash

What kind of trash do you think the president has? Write about his trash or some other famous person's trash. Use additional paper if necessary.

5) Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout

Read the poem "*Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout*" by Shel Silverstein. It can be found in his book, "*A Light in the Attic*." What should Sarah's mother do with her? Write a story about Sarah and the amount of trash that she let pile up. You can also create your own poem about trash.

6) Trash Limericks

Create your own limerick about trash. Here's an example of a limerick about trash:

Once there was a lake that looked so glum.

It was full of Styrofoam, paper and aluminum.
It wasn't a pretty sight.
So people cleaned it up right.
And now to the lake people want to come.

7) Trash Poems

Write a poem about the owner of the trash that you examined. What kind of person was he/she?

8) Garbology Books

Congratulations! You have been selected to write some children's books for the county library. Create your own book on trash. You are writing the book for young children ages 3 to 7. Be sure to include some illustrations (pictures) to go along with your story.

Here are some ideas for a story:

- a) What is it like to be a trash collector? Write a book about the day in the life of a trash collector.
- b) Write a book about what kinds of things are made from recycled materials.
- c) What will our garbage be like 200 years from now?

9) Commercial

Make a commercial for recycling. Follow these steps.

- a) Write a script for the commercial.
- b) Draw a storyboard for the video shots of what exactly will happen. A storyboard is a chart showing what the camera shot at each step of the commercial.
- c) Audition your actors and actresses for the commercial.
- d) Practice the commercial.
- e) Videotape the commercial.

