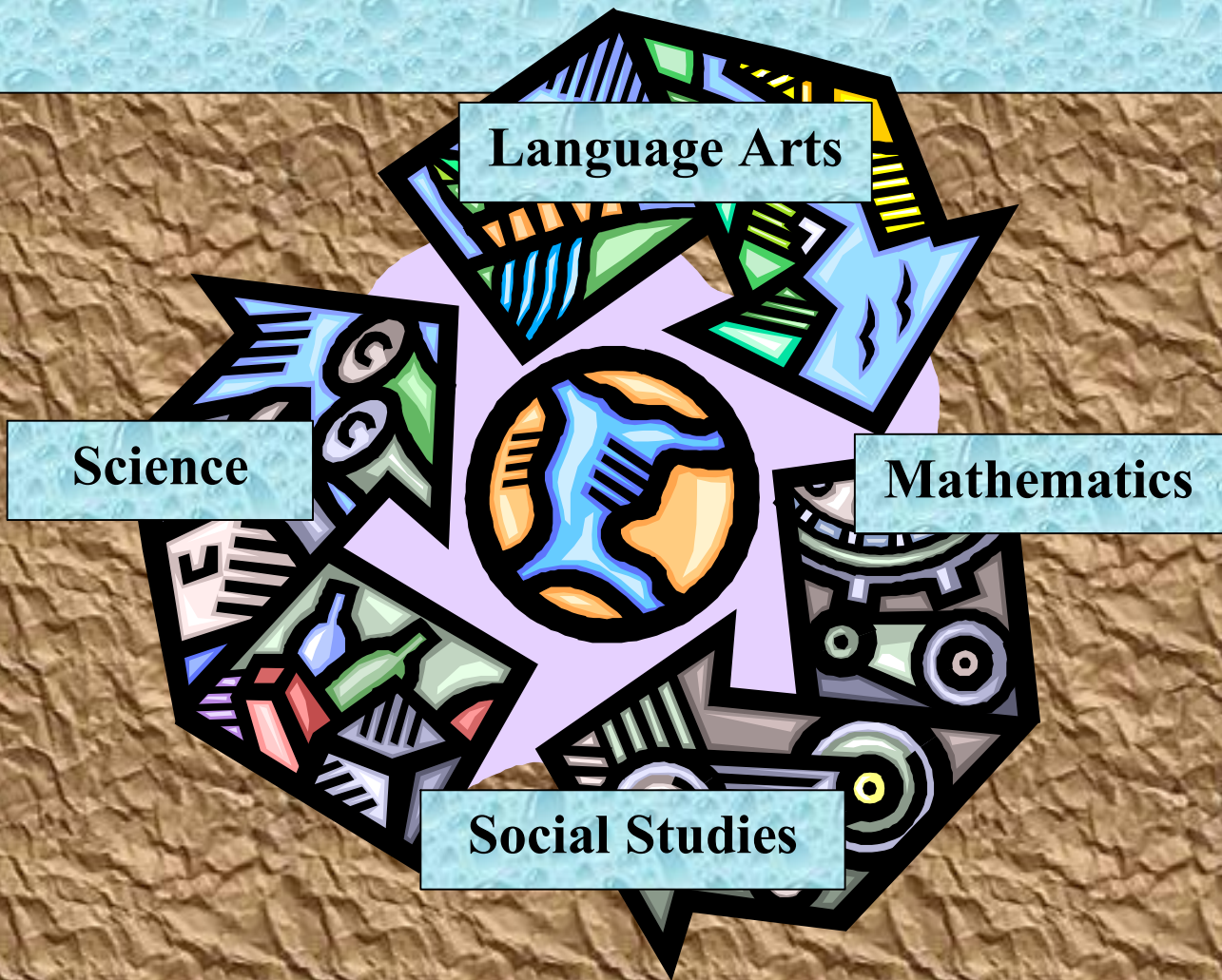


# **Garbology**

## **A Thematic Unit about Trash**

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**Garbology  
Science Activities  
Lesson 22  
An Invention Convention**

**Objective:**

Students will hold an invention convention on garbology.

**Materials:**

Various materials for solving the problem of trash. IE: - construction paper, glue, scissors, cardboard.

**Opener:**

Congratulations! The city has acknowledged your abilities at being an inventor. In fact, one councilwoman stated that you "were even better than ole Bell himself."

**Activity:**

The city has a terrible problem of too much trash in its landfills. They decided to assemble the world's greatest inventors together for an invention convention. They have asked that you attend. You will need to come up with a new invention to get rid of the trash.

They do not want you to build the actual item, but only a model or prototype. All often ideas will be displayed for the voters so your display should be self-explanatory.

Here are some ideas that the city council came up with:

- 1) Use the trash as statues for the city park.
- 2) Cover big heaps of trash with grass to make hills on the golf courses.

**Closure:**

Students should show their ideas in the form of an invention fair. They will need to create a display. Selected students and adults may vote for the first, second and their place winners.

