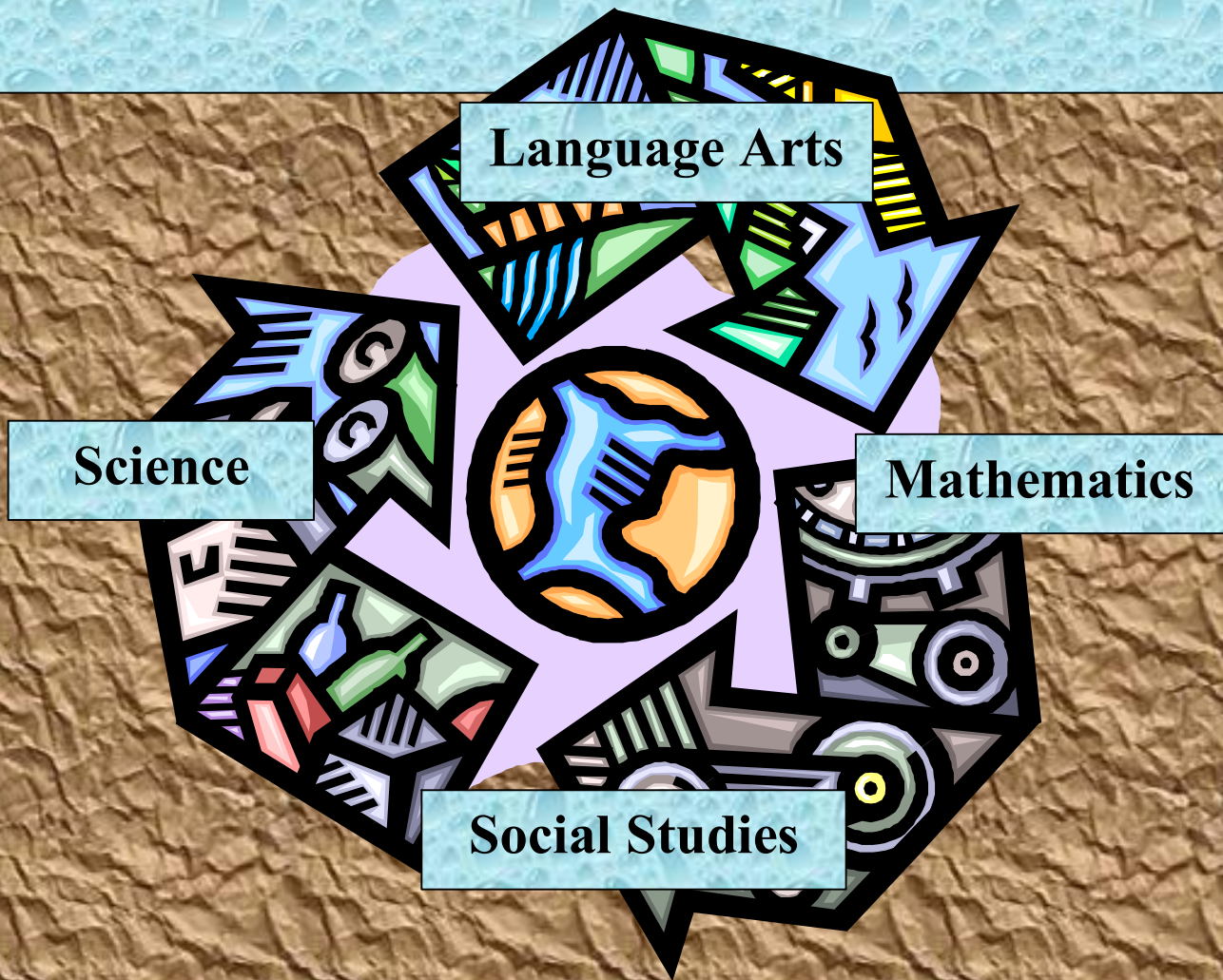


# **Garbology**

## **A Thematic Unit about Trash**

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**Garbology  
Art Activities  
Lesson 25  
Creating Trash Sculptures**

**Objective:**

Students will create a sculpture made from trash.

**Materials:**

Various pieces of clean trash

**Opener:**

Show some pieces of trash. Have the students think about what they might do with it.

**Activity:**

Using the trash that you have recently sorted and analyzed, create a sculpture. Be creative. You do not have to use the trash as it is. You can cut, tear or fold it. You might want to add other pieces of trash or other art mediums.

**Closure:**

Share the art pieces in an art show.

**Other Art Activities:**

- 1) Study such artists as Christo Javacheff who creates pop art using household items such as trash bags. You can learn more about Christo at <http://prelectur.stanford.edu/lecturers/christo/index.html>.
- 2) Another website: <http://www.captivated.com/nadelman/main.html> features photos one man took of a garbage can throughout a ten-year history.
- 3) A third site features interior design all through the use of garbage. The Goddess Of Garbage shows off her work at <http://www.goddessofgarbage.com/>. After viewing this website, students can use recycled material to create their own household item such as furniture or window covering.

