Global Environmental Issues

WebQuest Description: In this WebQuest students will explore an environmental issue affecting our world, and create a persuasive presentation designed to attract others to support the cause.

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Introduction

Hello Class!

We are studying environmental issues and the human impact on our world. You will be exploring one issue in depth and presenting a persuasive argument to the class why your issue is in need of support. Have fun becoming an environmental expert!

Tasks

Dear Environmental Activists,

Your task is to become an expert on an environmental issue affecting our world today, and convince me and the class to support your cause. The requirements are: 1. Investigate many issues, and choose the issue that you are most interested in. 2. Take notes from several different sources including at least one print source at the library on your issue. 3. Complete the PowerPoint Expert Worksheet. 4. Create a persuasive Powerpoint presentation with a minimum of eight (8) slides. 5. Present your slide show to the class and convince us why your issue is most important, and why we should support your organization.

When you are done with your quest and creating your presentation, email your presentation to wilson.susan@northhaven.k12.ct.us

Hand in all supporting Documents: all notetaking sheets, the expert worksheet for the Power Point, and a reference page with sources documented correctly using Citation Machine.

Good luck!

Welcome! You are about to embark upon an educational and instructional journey. You are competing for my support and that of your classmates for your cause and organization. Each class will vote at the end for the most persuasive presentation. You will choose an environmental issue, either global or regional, and become an expert on that issue. You will use the websites here to research the issue you choose and become an expert on that issue. You will then create a persuasive presentation to convince others, and most importantly me, to support your cause. As you research your cause, you should take notes and fill out the attached "expert worksheet" to ensure that you are gathering enough information. Once you are an expert, you will use the attached Power Point template to create a persuasive presentation on your issue. You will need to present your issue clearly without excess information, so find the most compelling arguments for helping your cause. Good Luck. Use the following suggested links to do investigate the topic and creating your presentation, email your presentation to wilson.susan@northhaven.k12.ct.us

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Good luck!
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http://www.lbl.gov/Education/ELSI/pollution-main.html
http://www.windows.ucar.edu/tour/link=/milagro/effects/wildlife_forests.html
http://library.thinkquest.org/26026/Environmental_Problems/ozone_depletion.html

### Conclusion

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### Teacher Page

This web quest will allow students to become experts in one area of environmental issue in the world.

#### Standards

- Credits
- Other

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