



Deforestation

Age: Grades 3-6

Lesson Plan Four: Blue Trees

Objective: To discuss some of the causes of deforestation in various parts of the world and to brainstorm and problem solve for possible solutions to limit the destruction of our forests.

Background: Deforestation can happen for any number of reasons depending on where you live in the world. For example, the rainforests in South America are being cut down for different reasons than some of the forests that are threatened in Canada.

Activity 1: Using the film *The Blue Trees* and the internet research why trees are so important. What do they give use? Why do we need them? As a class, record your findings. These activities can be completed in small groups of students.

Activity 2: Using the film and the internet explore the issues of why deforestation is a problem, complete the list below. For each cause, list the consequence and effects and then try to imagine some possible solutions. Once you've completed the list, chose what you see if the biggest threat to our forests and research in greater detail the effects and elaborate on your potential solution to the problem.



Cause of Deforestation	Effect	Possible Solutions
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		