

TURTLES IN SCHOOLS

TERM 4 WORKBOOK

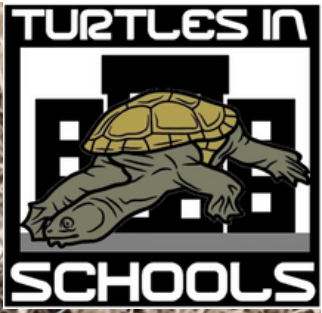


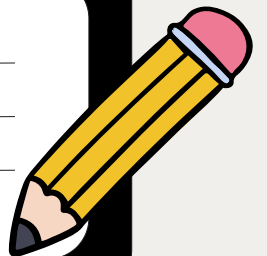
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1 Million Turtles

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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In the pages that follow, you will find a comprehensive set of lesson plans. Our initiative is not just about imparting knowledge but fostering a deep connection between students and their natural environment and instilling a sense of responsibility and awareness of freshwater turtles and their conservation.

As we embark on this educational venture, we extend our gratitude to educators, students, and all those who champion the cause of conservation. The Turtles in Schools Program is not just a curriculum; it is a movement to inspire the next generation of environmental custodians.

Thank you,

**1 Million Turtles Community
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4 LESSONS

TERM FOUR

APPLICATION OF CITIZEN SCIENCE SKILLS

- Learning Intentions
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Learning Intentions

(1) Demonstrate their skills as a citizen scientist by instigating social change at their local wetland and promoting conservation.



Background Information: Instigating Social Change for Conservation

Instigating social change for conservation means taking positive actions to protect our environment and the living creatures that share our planet. It involves raising awareness about environmental issues, promoting sustainable practices, and inspiring others to join efforts in preserving our natural world.

Instigating social change for conservation is about actively participating in activities that help safeguard the Earth. It includes making choices that benefit the environment, encouraging others to do the same, and working together to address environmental challenges.

How you can be involved -

- **Learn About Conservation:** Understand the importance of protecting the environment. Learn about endangered species, ecosystems, and the impact of human activities on nature.
- **Raise Environmental Awareness:** Share what you've learned with friends, family, and classmates. Create posters or presentations to inform others about the importance of conservation and how they can contribute.
- **Practice Sustainable Habits:** Adopt eco-friendly practices in your daily life. Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Conserve water and energy. These small actions collectively contribute to a healthier planet.

- **Advocate for Nature:** Use your voice to advocate for the protection of natural spaces. Speak up in class discussions, write letters to local leaders, and encourage others to support conservation efforts.



- **Connect with Conservation Organisations:** Research and connect with local or global conservation organisations. Understand their goals and find out how you can support their initiatives or even volunteer your time.



- **Educate Others:** Share information about endangered species, ecosystems, and conservation issues. Educate your peers about the importance of preserving biodiversity and the role each person plays in conservation.

Why is it important?

By actively participating in conservation efforts, individuals contribute to the preservation of biodiversity, the protection of ecosystems, and the overall well-being of our environment. Every action taken to conserve nature, no matter how small, helps build a sustainable and resilient future for our planet.

Classroom Activity

ACTIVITY

(1A) Research local policies which relate to your local wetland.

(1B) Create an idea to make a change that supports the conservation of turtles and their habitat at your local wetland.

(1C) Write a letter to your local council, advising them of your findings across the year (water quality, water bugs, NNPS, turtle sightings/nesting and suitable habitat). Propose ideas to council that could benefit turtle species and their local wetland.

