

# Non-Fiction Article

{Earth Day}



## 2 Peas and a Dog

Middle School Teaching Resources



# RESOURCE INCLUDES

- Lesson Plan
- Teacher Instructions
- Individual PDFs for Google Drive
- Google Slides for 1:1 Schools
- Audio File (mp3) of the article
- Pre-reading K-W-L chart
- Non-fiction article (with and without photos)
- 3 Post reading activities
  - ✓ Comprehension questions
  - ✓ Grammar questions
  - ✓ Long response writing

# EXAMPLE PAGES

### EARTH DAY



On April 22, 1970, an environmental movement was created. This day is known as Earth Day.

**Before Earth Day**  
During the 1970's the environment was not something people or businesses were concerned about. Popular car choices had V8 engines which consumed lots of gas, companies polluted the air with no consequences, and recycling was not a common practice.

**Creator of Earth Day**  
US Senator Nelson from Wisconsin is the creator of Earth Day. The idea for environmental awareness came to him after witnessing the Santa Barbara, California oil spill in 1969.

He was inspired by the energy that the student population was putting forth towards the anti-Vietnam War movement that was also happening at the time. He used the publicity the movement was receiving to be able to spread environmental awareness.

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### SAMPLE ANSWERS

What was the environmental focus of Earth Day 1990?  
*Recycling*

What message was sent to world leaders during Earth Day 2000?  
*Earth Day 2000 sent a message to world leaders about the populations' concerns for global warming and clean energy.*

When will the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day occur?  
*April 22, 2020*

Explain two of the five Earth Day Network global campaigns.

*EARTHRISE* - millions of people will be involved around the globe advocating to stop climate change for Earth Day 2020.

*The Great Global Cleanup* - a global initiative to clean up trash both logically on land and in water bodies.

*Earth Challenge 2020* - this initiative will help people around the globe report on the state of their local environment

*Footprints for the Future* - working with people everywhere to make changes to the food production systems that adding to the climate change issue.

*Artists for the Earth* - working with artists around the globe to use their art as a way to spread an environmental message

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### ARTICLE QUESTIONS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Answer the following questions on this paper.

4. What type of sentence is: *The Earth Day Network actively works on campaigns to better the environment.*

- Simple sentence
- Compound sentence
- Complex sentence
- Compound-complex sentence

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# EARTH DAY



On April 22, 1970, an environmental movement was created. This day is known as Earth Day.

Before Earth Day, the environmental movement was not as popular as it is today. During the 1970's, people were more concerned about air pollution. Popular car choices were Volkswagens which used a lot of gas, and companies polluted the air with no consequences, and recycling was not a common practice.

Creator of Earth Day

U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin is the creator of Earth Day. The idea for environmental awareness came to him after witnessing the Santa Barbara, California oil spill in 1969.

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