



Foreign Language Virtual Learning

Protecting Wilderness

April 23, 2020



6th Grade Foreign Cultures

Lesson: April 23, 2020

Objective/Learning Target:

I can design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.



Warm Up: Farmer had to maintain his tarp system as well as collect firewood for his wood-burning stove, among other duties. Would you give up living a comfortable life to devote your life to a cause? Why or why not?

Watch [the film](#), “Among Giants,” again if necessary, then answer the following questions in the slideshow you created for this unit.





The film states that over 435,000 acres of California forests have been clear-cut since 1990. Clear-cutting is a logging practice in which most trees in an area are uniformly cut down, causing major environmental damage. Many environments in the U.S. are under threat. The Palisades, a scenic landscape along the Hudson River in New Jersey is endangered and it may be replaced by an office tower. Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota, as well as public land around the country, is at risk due to fracking, a process that extracts natural gas from rock that is deep underground. Fracking threatens drinking water, air, and the health of those who live nearby.

1. Which one of these would you like to save? Why? Is there another place that you can think of that is worth protecting?



2. Do you think young people, like Farmer, have what it takes to positively impact the world we live in? Why or why not?
3. What if Farmer decided not to tree sit in this redwood grove? What would have been lost for society? For nature? For Farmer personally?
4. Why do you think the filmmakers incorporated aerial cinematography towards the end of the film? What effect did this have in the film's message?
5. Have you ever fought for something you believed in and felt alone while doing it? What was the cause or outcome?

Most of us in Missouri have never experienced a place like a redwood forest. When we travel outside of Independence, we see cornfields and farms. Missouri does have areas designated as state and national parks in order to preserve the natural resources in that area. In your slideshow, plan a visit to one of the parks in Missouri. Which would you visit and why?

[Missouri State Parks](#)

[National Park Service](#)





Additional Resources

[Redwood National Forest](#)