

ORGANIC FARMING PERSUASIVE WRITING



Unit overview

Unit of Work: Making a Difference—The Story of Alicia Serratos

Grade Level: Elementary/Middle School

Duration: 2–3 weeks

Subjects: Science, Social Studies, Language Arts

Week 1: Introduction and Exploration

Day 1: Introduction to Alicia Serratos

Objective: To introduce students to Alicia and her work in making a difference.

- ☐ **Main Activity:** Show a video or PowerPoint presentation about Alicia Serratos.
- ☐ **Discussion Points:** Who is Alicia? What issues does she care about?
- ☐ **Additional Activities:** Comprehension questions
- ☐ Follow up activity
- ☐ **Icebreaker Quiz:** Quick True/False quiz on common environmental myths.
- ☐ **Writing Prompt:** What would you do to make a difference in your community? Share thoughts in small groups.

Day 2: Organic Farming and Healthy Eating

Objective: To understand the importance and benefits of organic farming for health and the environment.

- ☐ **Main Activity:** Watch a video on organic farming or invite a local organic farmer for a virtual chat.
- ☐ **Discussion Points:** What are the benefits of organic farming? How does it impact our health?
- ☐ **Additional Activities:**
- ☐ **DIY Seed Starter:** Create mini seed starters using recycled materials like toilet paper rolls.
- ☐ **Food Labels:** Bring in or display pictures of food labels and discuss what organic/non-organic terms mean.

Day 3: Community Building

Objective: To appreciate the role of community involvement in affecting positive change.

Main Activity: Class discussion on why Alicia collaborates with community members for her projects.

Discussion Points: Why is community involvement crucial for affecting change?

Additional Activities:

Community Map: Create a mind map of potential community partners for a garden project.

Role-Play: Act out scenarios of reaching out to community members for project participation.

SUGGESTED TEACHING GUIDES AND FORMAT FOR 3 WEEK UNIT

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SEED SAVING

COMPOSTING

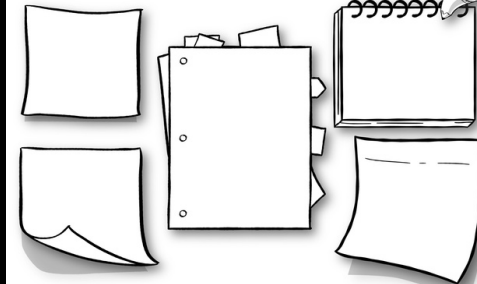
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One person can make a difference

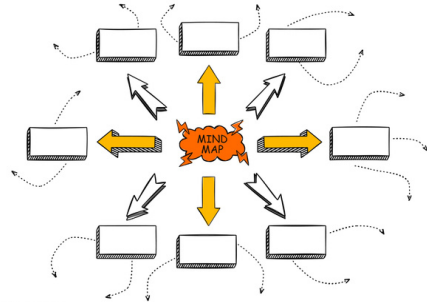
THE STORY OF ALICIA SERRATOS AND HER GREEN MISSION



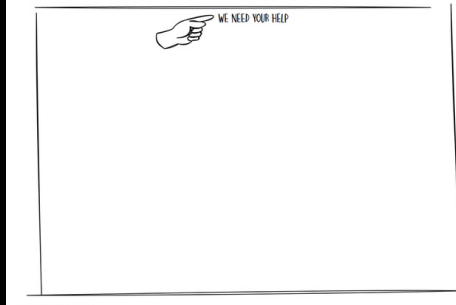
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Write your ideas in the boxes below



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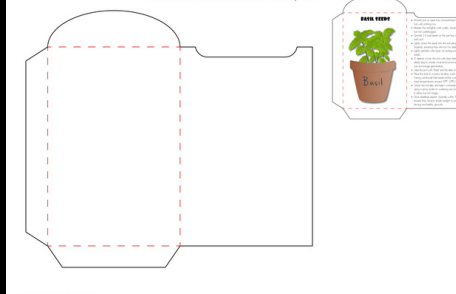
Design a poster to encourage people to recycle



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Design your own seed packet
Include instructions on how to plant

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Write True or False to these questions and compare your answers with your partner

	Statement	True/False
1	Organic farming doesn't use any pesticides.	
2	Organic food is always healthier than conventional food.	
3	Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) are commonly used in organic farming.	
4	Organic farming is less sustainable than conventional farming.	
5	Organic farming cannot feed the global population.	
6	Organic farming yields are generally higher than conventional farming yields.	
7	Organic foods have a longer shelf life.	
8	Organic farming is always better for soil health.	
9	Organic foods are free of all synthetic chemicals.	
10	Organic farming does not contribute to climate change.	

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS FROM PASSAGES AND VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

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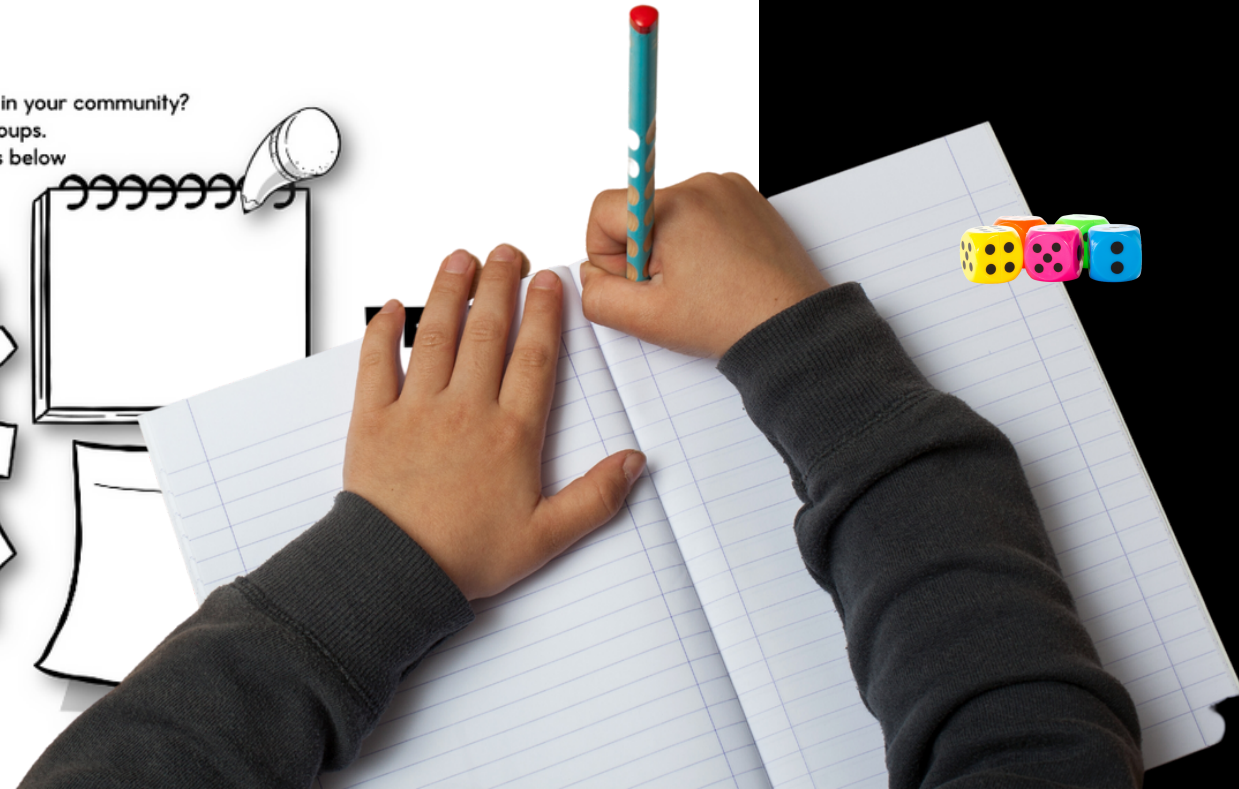
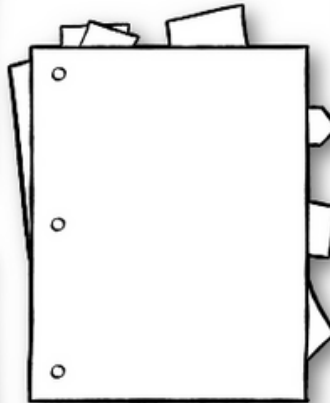
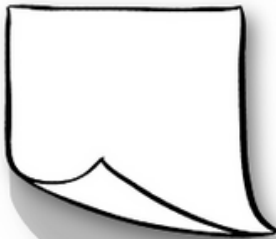
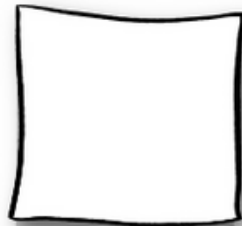
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VIDEOS

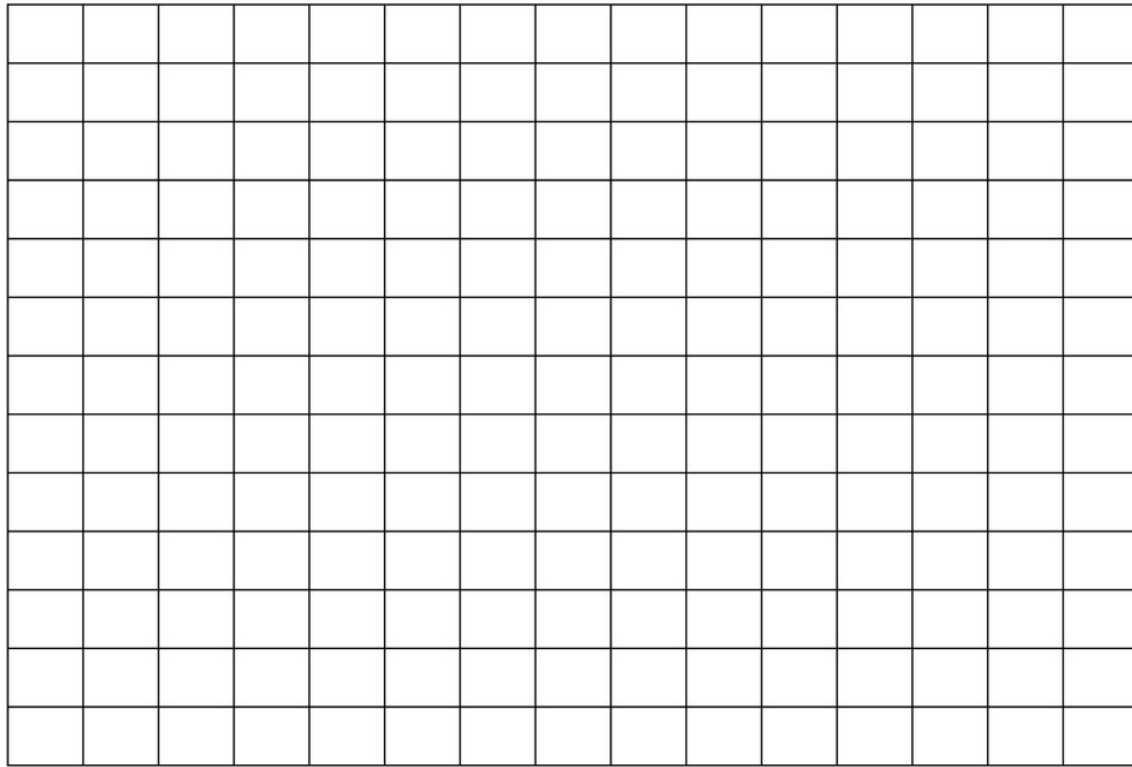
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What I have learned...

How I can apply it...

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DESIGN AND PLAN A COMMUNITY OR SCHOOL GARDEN



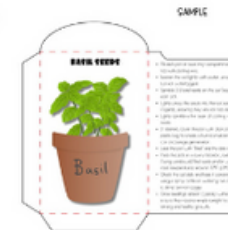
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House number,
Street,
Town/city -Postcode
Country

*Address of the person
you are writing to*

Your address

House number,
Street,
Town/city -Postcode
Country

The full date

eg Monday 2nd May, 2023

Dear Mrs Brown, or
Dear Sir or Madam,

Greeting

The purpose of your letter

Introduce the topic you are writing about and state the argument- do you agree or disagree? Why?
Explain in detail, using words such as: Firstly... Secondly... In my opinion... Some believe that... I feel that... I am sure that...
Describe, using great adjectives.
Argue why it is so good or bad - be enthusiastic!
Use powerful verbs.
Give reasons for and against - use evidence.
Ask the recipient questions to get them thinking and make them realise they need this.
End with a summary of what you need

PERSUASIVE LETTER WRITING ACTIVITY AND TEMPLATE

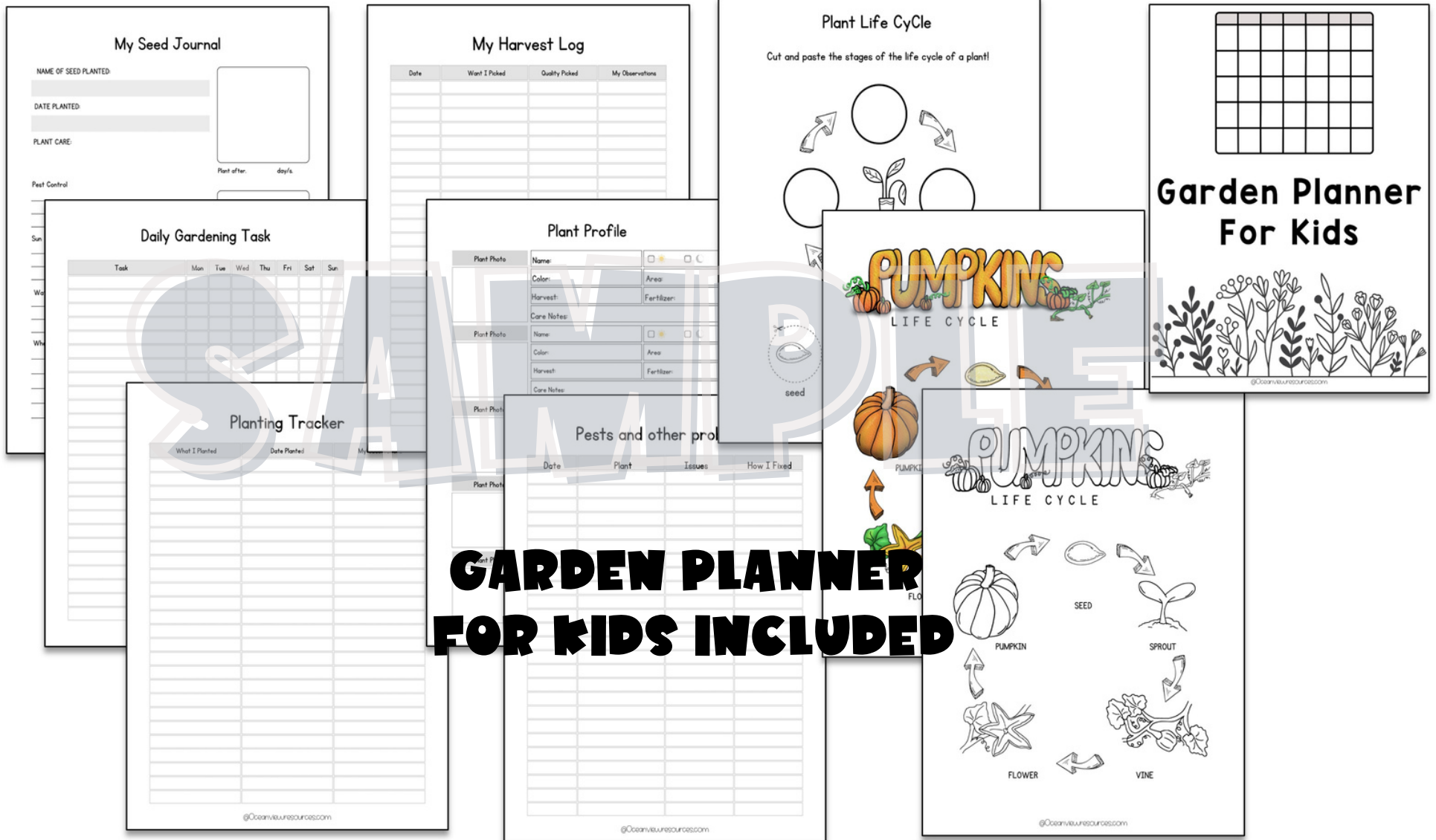
Closing Farewell

If not use...
Yours Faithfully
(Your Full Name)

If you do know the person, close your letter on the left-hand side with:

Yours sincerely,
(Your Full Name)

Please see the [included garden planner](#) which you may choose to use with your students.



**GARDEN PLANNER
FOR KIDS INCLUDED**

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COMPREHENSION SHEETS

Alicia Serratos and Her Green Mission (video Transcript)

Alicia Serratos, a Girl Scout from California, is no ordinary young activist. With a passion for both nature and community, Alicia has combined these interests into impactful initiatives. One of her most notable projects involves promoting the growth of organic gardens in schools. She believes that every child should understand the importance of healthy food and where it comes from.

Starting her project at the age of 8, Alicia has already helped install several organic gardens in local schools. She works with her fellow scouts, community members, and even local businesses to ensure the gardens are both productive and educational. Alicia also conducts workshops where she teaches children how to take care of plants and why organic farming is vital for both the environment and human health.

Besides gardening, Alicia has a strong focus on promoting sustainability. She has organized campaigns to reduce waste, especially plastic. Through her actions, Alicia is not just fostering a green revolution among her peers but also impacting policy changes at a local level.

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Alicia Serratos and Her Green Mission (video Transcript)-Comprehension

	Question	Answer
1	Where is Alicia Serratos from?	
2	At what age did Alicia start her organic garden project?	
3	What is the primary focus of Alicia's organic garden initiative?	
4	Who does Alicia collaborate with for her garden projects?	
5	Besides gardening, what other sustainability focus does Alicia have?	
6	What impact has Alicia had beyond her community?	

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TEACHING NOTES

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