

HISTORY OF EARTH DAY

READING COMPREHENSION & DIGITAL GAME

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The History of Earth Day			
Earth Day is celebrated annually on which day? Write your answer in the format MM/DD (ex. October 3rd would be 10/03).	What type of environmental disaster preceded the creation of Earth Day? A. Wildfire B. Oil Spill C. Acid Rain	Which state was Senator Nelson from?	The first Earth Day took place in which year?
A _____ is an event where people gather to learn and talk about important topics.	The creation of the Clean Air Act and the Clean _____ Act can be linked to the success of the first Earth Day.	In what year did Earth Day become an internationally recognized event?	Earth Day is now celebrated in more than _____ countries.
Which of the following is NOT a common Earth Day activity mentioned in the passage? A. Planting trees B. Picking up litter C. Conducting experiments	Earth Day shows that even _____ actions can make a big difference when it comes to protecting our world.	Which of the following would be the most appropriate alternate title for the passage? A. Famous Environmental Scientists B. The Origin and Impact of Earth Day C. Pollution Prevention Strategies	The tone of the passage would best be described as: A. Educational and encouraging B. Angry and demanding C. Silly and lighthearted

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Mystery Word:

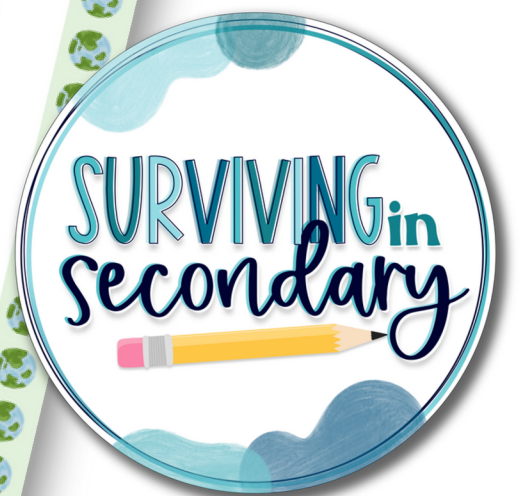
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Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22nd. It is a day when people around the world come together to support the protection of the environment. The idea for Earth Day came during a time when many people were becoming more aware of pollution, the loss of natural spaces, and the effects of industry on nature. One event that helped inspire Earth Day was a massive oil spill off the coast of Alaska in 1969, which caused serious damage to ocean life.

In response to this environmental disaster, the senator of Wisconsin at the time, Nelson, wanted to create a national day centered on the environment. He invited a young activist named Denis Hayes to organize the first Earth Day in April that day, more than 20 million Americans participated in marches, clean-ups, and educational events where people gathered to learn and talk about environmental topics. It became clear that people cared deeply about the planet and wanted to make a difference.

The first Earth Day helped show lawmakers that protecting the environment was as important to millions of people. Because so many Americans took part in Earth Day activities, government leaders began to take action. In the United States, important environmental laws like the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act. These laws aimed to reduce pollution and protect nature. The government also created the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1970 to help enforce these new rules and keep the environment safe.

Over time, Earth Day became a globally recognized event, with over 140 countries participating. Today, it has grown into a true international movement, with people in over 190 countries taking part in various activities to protect the planet.



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