

JUNKYARD BEATS



**Teacher
Resource Kit**



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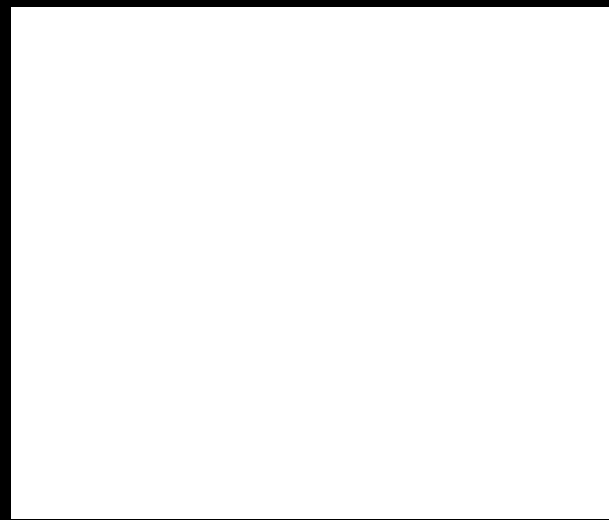


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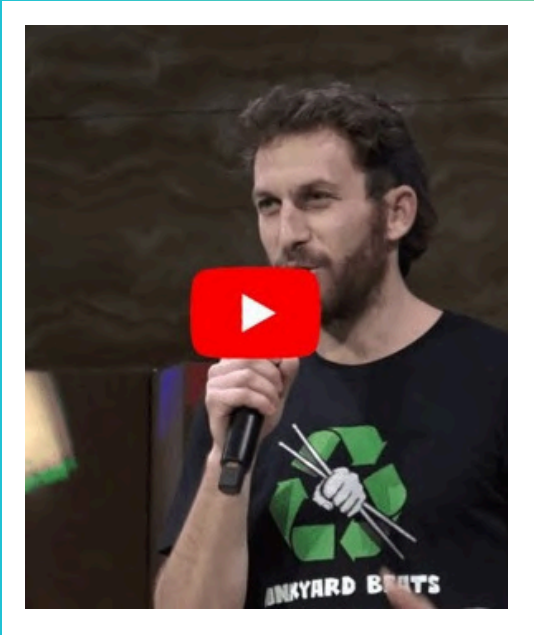


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ACTIVITIES



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RECYCLED MATERIALS COLLAGE

PRE-VIST ACTIVITIES



WARM-UP JAM SESSIONS



- **Rhythm Around Us:** Discuss how rhythm plays a role in daily life. Can we find rhythm in nature, the city, our bodies!?
- **Recycling & Rhythm:** Explore ways to give new life to old items. How can a tin can become a shaker?



HANDS-ON HARMONIES

Echo Clapping (Call & Response): Play a rhythm and have students echo it back. Gradually increase complexity. Include stomps, clicks, chest hits, and whatever else you can think of!

Sound Safari: Challenge students to bring in items from home and experiment with the sounds they produce.



Instrument Making



CRAFT YOUR OWN INSTRUMENTS

Bucket Drums: Invert a sturdy bucket or container and use hands or drumsticks to create your own beats. No drumstick - try branches!

Bottle Shakers: Fill empty plastic bottles with rice or beans to craft maracas.

Box Guitars: Stretch rubber bands across an empty tissue box to mimic guitar strings.



MATERIAL MAGIC

(RECYCLING RESEARCH PROJECT)

1

Divide students into small groups and assign each group a recyclable material.

- CARDBOARD & PAPER
- PLASTICS
- ALUMINIUM
- GLASS
- STEEL

Each group researches their material and presents their findings using a poster or PowerPoint

2

3

Guiding Questions:

- What natural resource is this material made from?
- How is this material recycled?
- What products can be made from recycled versions of this material?
- What are the challenges of recycling this material, and how can they be solved?



RECYCLING RELAY ACTIVITY



**THIS IS A FUN, FAST-
PACED GAME
TO TEST
STUDENTS RECYCLING
KNOWLEDGE!**

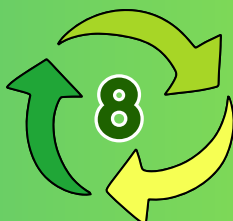
Activity:

- Divide students into two teams and give each team a bag of mixed waste
- Set up 4 boxes: general waste, mixed recycling, food, glass
- Students race to correctly sort items from their bag

The first team to finish wins!



ART ACTIVITY:
Using materials
from home or
collected around
the school, students
create collages
based on their
Junkyard Future
stories.



CREATIVE WRITING: THE JUNKYARD FUTURE



Imagine a future where the Earth has run out of natural resources

ACTIVITY:
Students write a short story or create a comic strip envisioning life in this future world!

**EVERYTHING
MUST
BE UPCYCLED!**



Select a few students to share their stories or make groups for students to share with each other.



GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- How do people build houses and transport?
- What do they wear?
- What problems do they face?
- How do they use junk creatively to solve these problems?



QUIZ TIME



* TRASH TO TREASURE! *

A. OLD TIN CANS

B. PLASTIC BOTTLES

C. CARDBOARD TUBES

D. ALL OF THE ABOVE

WHICH OF THESE CAN BE TURNED INTO A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?



* JUNKYARD GENIUS *

A. BANANA PEEL

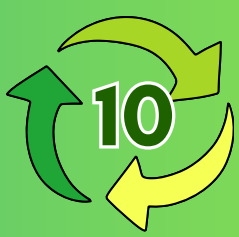
B. PLASTIC BUCKET

C. EGG CARTON

D. OLD SHOES



IMAGINE YOU'RE STRANDED ON A DESERTED ISLAND. WHICH RECYCLED ITEM WOULD MAKE THE BEST DRUM?



QUIZ TIME



* RECYCLING REMIX *

WHICH ITEM CANNOT BE RECYCLED EASILY?

- **A. GLASS JAR**
- **B. PLASTIC BOTTLE**
- **C. PIZZA BOX**
- **D. TIN CAN**



* GREEN DREAM TEAM *

- **A. GREETING CARDS**
- **B. ORIGAMI CRANES**
- **C. PAPER-MÂCHÉ ART**
- **D. ALL OF THE ABOVE**

WHAT CAN BE CREATED FROM RECYCLED PAPER?





QUIZ TIME



THAT'S A LONG TIME!

HOW MANY YEARS BEFORE A PLASTIC BAG STARTS TO BREAK DOWN?

A. 1

B. 10

C. 100

D. 750

IF YOU COULD MAKE A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OUT OF ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT?



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