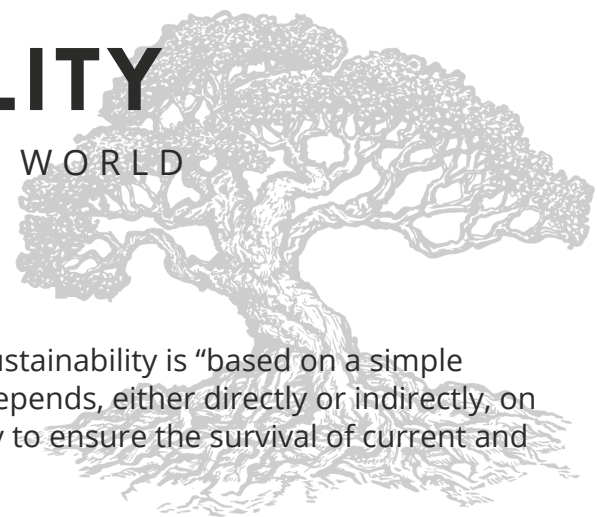


SUSTAINABILITY

STRIVING FOR A BETTER WORLD



WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, sustainability is “based on a simple principle: Everything that we need for our survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on our natural environment.” Focusing on sustainability is the only way to ensure the survival of current and future generations here on Earth.

Embark on this quest to learn about sustainability and what you can do to help.

DISCOVER

Complete these three activities:

- Identify at least 10 current threats to environmental sustainability worldwide.
- Investigate which sustainability issues are problems in your local community.
- Create a list of simple, actionable steps everyone in your area can take to improve economic sustainability in a category of your choice: conserving water, preventing pollution and littering, improving energy efficiency, preventing global warming, and fighting for social justice.

CONNECT

Required: Calculate your Ecological Footprint (<https://www.footprintcalculator.org/>)

Complete at least two of these activities:

- Identify the most significant threat to environmental stability in your area. Make an inference about what might have caused this and the potential long-term impact on the environment if nothing is done.
- Visit a local organization that is focused on improving environmental sustainability in your area. Check with your conservation department, forest service, recycling companies, and nonprofit organizations.
- Interview a scientist, biologist, environmental activist, or environmental specialist to discover more about sustainability and what research or actions they are doing to improve sustainability as a whole.

ACT

Required: Create a short TikTok or YouTube video identifying a threat to environmental sustainability in your area and explain why it should be everyone’s problem. Share it on social media.

Choose and complete one of these activities:

- Research young environmentalists who have fought to improve economic sustainability in some way. Find their email or physical address and ask them how they became inspired to pursue sustainability on a larger scale.
- Visit GreenDreamer.com. Find an environmental organization that sounds interesting to you and visit their website. Choose one way to get involved in the organization.
- Organize a community trash pickup day each month to reduce the environmental waste in your area.
- Create a school-wide recycling competition to see many recyclable items each student can collect.
- Look up your state Senator or Representative’s mission to improve sustainability. Call or write to them and explain why they should help you improve economic sustainability in a certain area and what actions they can take.

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