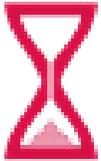


FAST FACTS

3+
People



1-1.5 hrs.



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Low Risk

Human Footprint

Purpose of Activity: To examine consumption levels, their impact, and how students can reduce their negative impact on the natural world.

Objectives/Learning Outcomes:

By actively participating in this activity, participants will:

- Understand the negative impacts we have on the planet.
- Recognize the possible efforts that can help the environment.

Materials Needed:

- There is a DVD copy stored with the Director for Sustainability Education available for check-out.

Summary:

From our cars to our clothes dryers to our disposable toothbrushes, our impact on planet earth is astonishing. Whether you're a child who drinks milk or an adult who enjoys a bottle of wine, Human Footprint takes a phase-by-phase journey through life to illustrate the enormous imprint every American makes during his or her time on earth.

Incorporating surprising facts with playful visuals, this enlightening portrait reveals of our level of consumption—and the simple changes we can all make to reduce our negative impact on the world.

Facilitation Guide:

Watch the movie and prepare a space for discussion afterward.

Discussion Questions:

- What did we just see? What stood out to you? What was missing? What did you observe about your reactions and the reactions of those around you?
- How did you feel as you watched the show? What feelings stick out as positive ones? Negative ones?
- What did you think of the show? Why do you think we watched it (look for something about consumption patterns)? How do you define sustainability (Perpetual and cooperative environmental, social, and economic systems)? What is the most important message that the show is intending to communicate?
- What can you do with this new information? What action will you take, if any? What messages will you now try to convey to others?