

NATURAL CYCLES AND RECYCLING

A good introduction to the concept of recycling is to first discuss the cyclical nature of nature. As we look at natural cycles, we can also look at how man interrupts those cycles. Through recycling, we can reduce the interruption of nature's cycles.

Materials:
Poster board
Colored markers

Approximate time to teach: 30 minutes

Procedure:

1. The following sketches can be used to make posters as visual aides when teaching about cycles in nature. Several procedures can be used.
 - a. Discuss each cycle, using the chalkboard for a visual display of each. Then put the students in five small groups, having each group prepare a poster of a cycle. One person from each group can "explain" the poster to the class as a form of reinforcement and evaluation.
 - b. The teacher can prepare the posters in advance and refer to them during the lesson.
2. Refer to the background information, presented at the beginning of this unit, to develop and discuss each cycle. Involve the students by asking questions ; have students point to various parts of the posters.
3. Conclude the lesson by discussing how recycling materials is different from making materials from raw resources. Be specific.

