

— APRIL —
Lesson Plans
A La Mode



April 22 is Earth Day. Find a news story about an Earth Day event. Locate the 5 Ws: who, what, where and why-- and write a sentence for each. Write an editorial taking a stand on whether you think Earth Day is important.



Locate all of the headlines in the newspaper that have an environmental connection. Prioritize them from most to least important. Write a paragraph explaining your #1 choice.



Cars are becoming more energy efficient. Look through the automobile ads to find the most and least energy-efficient vehicles. If gas costs \$3.15 per gallon, how much will you save in one month if you fill your gas tank 4 times and drive the more efficient car?



Make a list of 5 items found in the newspaper that need an energy source to operate. Can you think of an alternative for each that uses less energy?

National Learning Standards:

McRel (Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning) Standards:

Language Arts

Benchmark 1, Reads news stories appropriate to grades 6-8

Benchmark 7, Organizes information

Mathematics

Benchmark 6, Understands that data can be organized in many ways

Benchmark 5, Solves linear equations

Science

Level IV, Benchmarks 5, 6 Understands the concept of power and energy