

# Town of North Hempstead Earth Day T-Shirt Contest

## Lesson Plan:

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**Grade Level:** Middle/High School (4-12)

Curriculum Connections: Fine Arts, Language Arts (listening skills), History, & Science

Class Time: 45 Minutes to an hour (this lesson can be given as an extra credit assignment or done as a class

project)

### Earth Day Educational lesson plan is made up of two (2) components:

- 1) Five (5) biographies of people who have made a significant impact on our environment. (For grades 4-12)
- 2) An image designed by a student of North Hempstead to be used on T-shirts and Posters for this year's Town of North Hempstead celebration of Earth Day.

## **Teacher Guide**

#### **Summary:**

The Town of North Hempstead will be celebrating Earth Day throughout the next few months. There will be events all over the Town geared towards community clean ups as well as educating residents on ways we can protect our most precious resource on Long Island – our water.

Earth Day Season is one of the Town's most cherished times of the year and residents of all ages and from all communities participate in this annual celebration.

#### **Objective:**

To gain an understanding of our environment and protecting our water supply by creating an image to be used on T-shirts for the Town of North Hempstead's celebration of Earth Day and protecting our water.

#### How to begin:

- a) Introduce the lesson by giving the students a history of Earth Day.
- b) For students in Grades 4 through 12: Ask the student to read one or all of the biographies of the five Earth Day chosen environmentalists: Margaret Murie, "Grandmother of the Conservation Movement", Andy Lipkis, founder of the TreePeople, Rachel Carson, author of "Silent Spring," Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Wangari Maathai and Senator Gaylord Nelson, "The founder of Earth

Day. All of these biographies can be found on our website: www.NorthHempsteadNY.gov/TeachersCorner

- c) Start a dialogue with your students
- d) Distribute the student activity page to your students and explain contest rules.

#### **Student Activity:**

Over the past decade, the Town of North Hempstead has created a T-shirt for its celebration of Earth Day. This t-shirt is given out to local civic groups who are holding special community clean-ups around our Town. As in year's past, we are reaching out to our young constituents and asking them to design a T-shirt based on the Town's theme, **Slow the Flow! Save H20!** 

## **Contest Rules:**

- 1. The contest is opened to all students in grade levels 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Designs must be on 8.5" by 11" paper.
- 3. Design is limited to three colors (BLUE, GREEN, & BLACK)
- 4. Students may enter as many times as they would like.
- 5. Mail Entries to:

Town of North Hempstead Earth Day T-Shirt Contest Attn: Kimberly Corcoran-Galante 470 Old Westbury Road Roslyn Heights, NY 11577

6. All entries must be in by Friday, March 13, 2015

If you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Outreach Team at: The Town's 311 Call Center by dialing 311 or (516) 869-6311 or via email at OutreachTeam@NorthHempsteadNY.gov

Contest winners will be chosen by the Earth Day Outreach Committee and will be notified through the main office at each school. School winners will receive an Earth Day T-shirt and be honored at a special ceremony.

Happy Earth Day to you and your class!



# T-Shirt Contest Entry Form

Student Name:		
Grade:		
School:	 _	
Teacher:		

**DIRECTIONS:** On the other side of this page is a blank t-shirt. Draw your design for the Town of North Hempstead's Earth Day t-shirt. Your school will be notified if your design was selected as the winner. NOTE: designs must be on 8.5" by 11" paper and is limited to three colors (BLUE, GREEN, and BLACK)

