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- I. Subject: REA 0017
Topic: stated and implied main ideas
- II. Goal: In this lesson, students will learn about the life and mission of Wangari Muta Maathai. They will conduct research on her Green Belt Movement launched in 1977 and present their findings to the class.

III. Instructional Objectives: Students will

1. Read the essay *Abandon Apathy and be Moved to Action* by Wangari Maathai.
2. Develop a basic understanding of protecting the environment, the importance of trees for the environment and what several individuals have done
3. Complete a summary on the essay.
4. Have a teacher –led discussion regarding Maathai and her environmental conservation mission.
5. Practice research skills by researching the Green Belt Movement
6. Practice oral communication skills by giving a three minute presentation on their findings and reactions to her project.

IV. Instructional Strategies:

Introduction:

Show students a few YouTube clips on Maathai speaking and on the Earth Charter’s mission and her role. Discuss with students the importance of individual contributions to environmental conservation.

Activities:

1. The students take turn reading the essay and analyzing each paragraph by working in small groups.
2. The students share their feelings on what they read with a partner.
3. Then the students prepare a short summary on the essay and provide their opinions on the topic.
4. The lesson ends by engaging the students in a meaningful discussion.
5. Finally, the students are divided into groups to research the green belt movement and answer certain questions regarding it.

Closure: The groups give their presentation to the class.

V. Assessment:

The students will receive a grade for their summaries of the essay. They will receive a second grade for participating in the discussion, and the last grade is for the presentation of the research.