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Incorporating the "Earth Charter" into Speech Class
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1. Students will form groups of four.
2. Students will read the charter at the beginning of course and a short presentation about the importance of the charter will be given.
3. Students will select a portion or one aspect of the chapter and prepare a persuasive speech utilizing the **Monroe Motivated Sequence Design Speech** format.
4. There are five components to this design: Attention, Need, Solution, Visualization and Action.
5. Students will be evaluated based on their incorporation of the component in the charter, visual aid to enhance their ideas, facts and statistical information and other pertinent information needed.
6. Students will also be evaluated on the issue they choose and its relevancy to the ecosystem and society in general.
7. Students will prepare an outline and short reflective paper to turn in

5 minutes

I've never saw myself as a tree hugger...

I had a very interesting experience last Friday-Attended-**"Earth Charter"** Workshop two reasons-limited knowledge ...charter entailed and incorporation of outcome number 10 in my course curriculum. Needless to say I walk away with an understanding of what the charter was about but more importantly the role humanity plays in creating/fostering a healthy ecological system. I would like to share three aspects of the workshop:

I. What is the Earth Chapter?

- It is a declaration of fundamental principals for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society for the 21st century.

"Working for an equitable and peaceful world in which the diversity of natural ecosystems and human communities can coexist or thrive together."

- 2 notions about the charter-**Care and Sustainability**
Apply the vision of sustainable life locally, nationally, regionally and globally

Care-Respect and love for the community, environment, preserving a healthy biosphere"

Sustainability-Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the future

The Earth Charter was officially approved In 2000

- This requires a sense of global interdependence and universal responsibility.

II. Four Main Principles to the Chapter

Principle #1. Respect and Care for the Community of Life

- a. All beings are interdependent and every form of life has value
- b. Building democratic societies...fundamental freedoms every the opportunity to realize their full potential...(Bill of Rights Sept 25, 1789)

Principle #2. Ecological Integrity

- a. protecting and restoring the integrity of the earth
- b. establish and safeguards viable nature biosphere reserves
- c. promote the recovery of endangered species and ecosystems
- d. reduce, reuse, and recycle materials to ensure residual waste can be assimilated by ecological systems

Principle#3. Social and Economic Justice

- a. right to portable water, clean air, food security, shelter, safe sanitation etc.
- b. enhance the intellectual financial, technical, and social resources of developing nations...relieve them of debt (*700 billion-Bailout deal-congress should have read this first*)**

Principle #4. Democracy Nonviolence Peace

- a. Strengthen the democratic institutions at all levels
- b. Integrate informal education and life-long learning=empowering youth
- c. Treat all living beings with respect and consideration

III. Application Activity

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