

U2L1A2 | How BIG is my footprint?

overview

This lesson will review the term ‘Ecological Footprint’ and have you calculate your own ecological footprint.

learning goal

- To understand and calculate your Ecological Footprint.

success criteria

- You will complete the Ecological Footprint Calculator Handout.

Inquiry question

- What is the ecological footprint and how big is my footprint?

explore

Watch the video *The Story of Stuff* by Annie Leonard and answer the following questions:

1. Go to footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFN/page/calculators
2. Select your location as ‘ONTARIO’
3. Begin the footprint calculator
4. How many planet Earths would be needed if everyone lived like you? _____
5. How many global hectares of Earth’s productive area would be needed to support your lifestyle? _____
6. What is the largest area on the pie chart for your lifestyle needs? _____
7. What is the smallest area on the pie chart for your lifestyle needs? _____
8. Explain two ways in which you could reduce your ecological footprint.
