



Notable Environmentalists

Resources for Community Facilitators

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Instructions for Notable Environmentalists Bulletin Board Assembly

- The “Names” page contains a name of a notable environmentalist with a number above it. This number corresponds to a quote on the “Quotes” page, indicating which environmentalist is responsible for which quotation, and an image in the “Images” page, indicating which environmentalist is in which picture.
- The picture of each environmentalist should go near the text about him or her.
- The quote should be pasted onto a colored background, which should then be folded over so that the viewer can guess whose quote it is, and then open the flap to see the answer. The name of the person whose quote it is should be on the inside of the flap.
- Cut out individual pieces of text and put them against a colored background for best results. Cut out pieces of text that flow onto another line and put them together for a better visual result.
- The quotations should be placed in a separate part of the board from the rest of the text. They can go on the bottom, on the right side, or wherever you think is best.

John Muir (1838-1914):

Preservationist

Muir is noted as the founder of the Ecology Movement in the United States. Spending much of his time in the Yosemite Valley, he advocated for its protection under the National Park System. Muir founded the

Sierra Club in 1892 for the purpose of preserving the Sierra Nevada while keeping it accessible for humans. Muir saw two values in preservation: first, to protect nature itself, and second, to protect it to be used for human's spiritual purposes.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919): 26th President

Initially interested in the American West from the perspective of a recreational hunter, Roosevelt arrived at the North Dakota Badlands

in 1883 and was disturbed by the destruction of the landscape he found there. Beginning in 1903, the second year of his Presidency, Roosevelt began his legacy of placing what ultimately became 230 million acres of land under federal protection, as National Parks, National Forests, and wildlife

preserves. As a conservationist, he was interested in protecting nature for recreational usage and observance by humans.

Rachel Carson

(1907-1964): Biologist

Instilled with a love of nature as a young girl, Carson studied Marine

Biology. Her interest in writing and teaching led her to advocate for conservation while working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service through 1952, when she resigned and devoted herself to writing. Alarmed at the amount of pesticides used in agriculture during the post-war period, Carson switched her

focus and in 1962 published *Silent Spring*, her most famous work.

Deemed alarmist by some, Carson's book was meant to hold government and industry accountable for human and ecological health, and ultimately led to the banning of the use of DDT in the U.S. in 1972.

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862): Transcendentalist

Born into a family of pencil-makers in Concord, Massachusetts, Thoreau attended Harvard then taught in a public school in Concord. After he was fired for refusing to beat his students, Thoreau and his brother

John opened their own school, in which much of the curriculum involved taking nature walks or canoeing trips. In 1845, he built a small cabin at nearby Walden Pond, where he lived surrounded by nature for two years. The journal he kept during this time became the basis for his essay *Walden*, which some

consider to be the beginning of the conservationist movement in the U.S.

Prince Charles (1948-): Prince of Wales

Aside from looking forward to being King of England in the future, Prince Charles hopes for a day when global climate change slows as a result of

humans' efforts to cut carbon emissions. Particularly interested in agriculture, Prince Charles has voiced support for as local a diet as possible, as a way of reducing the carbon footprint associated with transporting food over long distances, and has helped initiate

research of more sustainable farming practices in the UK.

Aldo Leopold (1887-1948):
Forester and Conservationist

A Wisconsin native, Leopold was interested in forest ecology and

wildlife management. He conducted and wrote about his own experiments in which he studied habitat changes and restoration over time. He also worked to restore wilderness habitats on his own initiative, planting trees and drawing up plans for how to restore certain landscapes. His writings about his

experiences were compiled and published after his death as the *Sand County Almanac*, which today is considered to be one of the most influential works concerning conservation, as well as the environment in general.

Jared Diamond (1937-):
Geographer

Most famous for his book *Guns, Germs, and Steel* about how environments impact a country or region's development, Diamond is known as a scholar of human and ecological interaction. Diamond's

many travels around the world led him to his interest in ecology and how it shapes those surrounded by it. Now devoted to writing and sitting on scientific and philosophical boards related to his work, Diamond is considered one of the foremost present-day authorities in the

natural history and conservation
biology fields.

Pete Seeger (1919-):
Folk Singer

A former member of the Communist party, Seeger began writing and performing folk music in the 1940s,

along with Woody Guthrie and his band The Weavers. Seeger became aware of and bothered by the polluted condition of the Hudson River, and in 1965 began to write songs about it. In 1969 he traveled down the Hudson, performing and gaining attention for his cause. He also formed the Clearwater

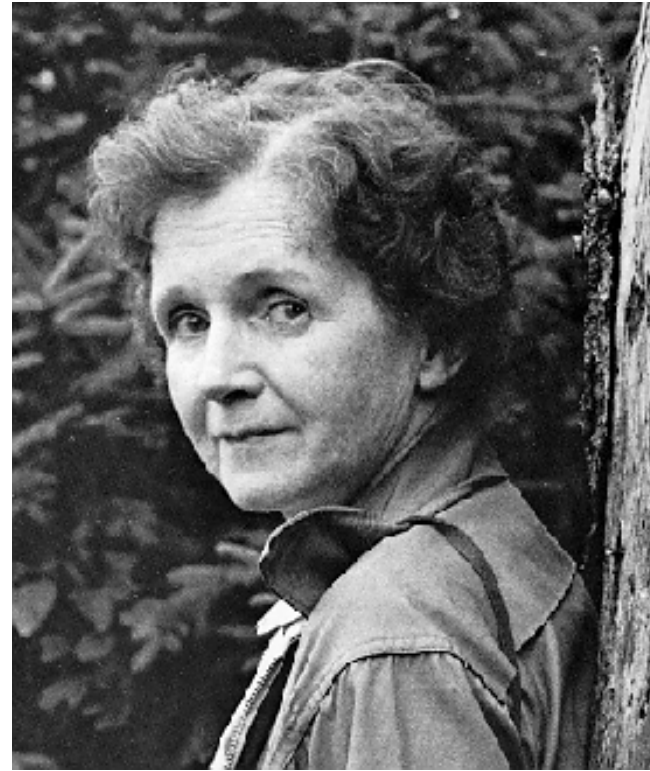
Organization to advocate for
regulating waste disposal and
discharge in the area of the Hudson.

Now much improved, the Hudson
River remains a symbol of Seeger's
activist legacy.





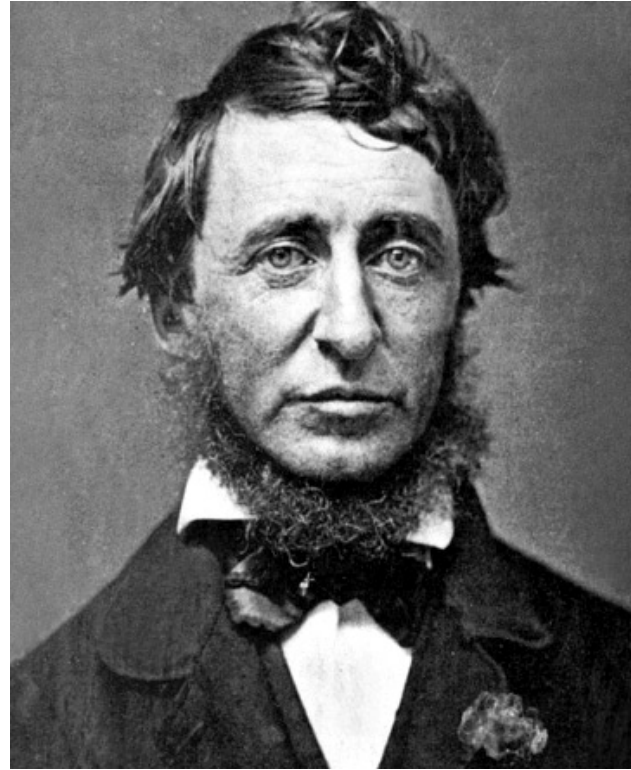
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WHO SAID IT?

See if you can guess which notable environmentalist is responsible for each quotation, then lift the flap to check your answer.

God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them from fools.

It is an incalculable added pleasure to anyone's sum of happiness if he or she grows to know, even slightly and imperfectly, how to read and enjoy the wonder-book of nature.

Only within the moment of time represented by the present century has one species—man—acquire significant power to alter the nature of this world.

I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.

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*There is a price to be paid at the sharp end-
environmentally and everywhere else-for
food that is produced in a particular way.*

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*A thing is right when it tends to preserve
the integrity, stability, and beauty of the
biotic community. It is wrong when it
tends otherwise.*

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The United States has long seen itself as the land of infinite plenty, and historically we did have abundant resources. But now we are gradually exhausting our fisheries, our topsoil, our water.

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Where have all the flowers gone?

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John Muir

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Theodore Roosevelt

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Rachel Carson

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Henry David Thoreau

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Prince Charles

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John Muir

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Teddy Roosevelt

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Henry David Thoreau

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Prince Charles

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Jared Diamond

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Pete Seeger

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