

## Limited Resources

Cross-Curricular Focus: History/Social Sciences



**Resources** are things that we use.

Natural resources come from Earth. Many of our natural resources are **limited**. This means that they will not last forever. Some resources are **renewable**. This means the resource can be replaced or grown. You can plant a new tree when you cut one down. Other resources are not renewable. This means that they cannot be replaced or grown. You can dig coal out of the ground. Once the coal is used, it is gone.

Many of Earth's natural resources are limited, but people can help conserve those resources. When you try to conserve a natural resource, you use less of it so it does not get used up so fast. One way that people conserve fuel, like gasoline, is by riding a bicycle or walking. This works well when the distance is short. We don't have to drive everywhere.

Water is a very important natural resource. We all need it to live. We can conserve water by making sure that our pipes and faucets do not leak. We can also conserve water by making smart choices. One choice is to use the dishwasher and washing machine only when they are full. Another choice is to turn off the water when you brush your teeth. We can all make a difference!

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Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

Actual answers may vary.

1) What is a natural resource?

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2) What is a renewable resource?

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3) What does it mean to conserve a resource?

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4) Why is water such an important natural resource?

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5) Give an example of something you will try to do to save a natural resource.

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