



## 21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION PIONEERS A PEER-DRIVEN HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### In This Activity...

Students will research and debate different stakeholder group perspectives as 21st Century Conservation Pioneers in developing a comprehensive conservation plan for preserving the environmental quality and biodiversity of an area. Their plan will consider the needs of humans, natural resources, the environment, and the future generations of all “living citizens” of Planet Earth within the area.

### Educational Partners



## GRADE LEVELS

High School - Grades 9-12

## CONTENT AREAS

Physical Science, Social Studies, Life Science, Environmental Science, Natural Resource Science

## UNIT THEME

Conservation Planning

## TOPICS

Natural resources management, environmental preservation, social responsibility

## TIME REQUIRED

Three, 45-minute sessions



## OVERVIEW

**Using flint-tipped spears and arrows**, Paleo-hunters played a lethal role in the extinction of over 90 species of North America's megafauna over the past 15,000 years. Unfortunately, European immigrants continued the wildlife slaughter and by 1886 they had wiped out the passenger pigeon and killed an estimated 33 million buffalo, leaving only 540 bison in the Yellowstone area of Montana.

But things began to turn around in 1872, when the outcry of early conservationists prompted President Ulysses S. Grant to establish Yellowstone, the nation's first national park. Over the following years, other conservation pioneers such as Theodore Roosevelt, John James Audubon, John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Ding Darling, and many others made their voices and influence heard and helped stop the mindless slaughter of the nation's wildlife.

Because of America's pioneers in conservation and the evolution of wildlife management, we now have The North American Wildlife Conservation Model that has two basic principles; 1) our fish and wildlife belong to all Americans, 2) fish and wildlife need to be managed in a way so their populations will be sustained forever.

**In this lesson**, students will assume the roles of various and possibly conflicting user groups in researching, presenting, and debating on how to develop a "conservation plan" while being conservation pioneers in the 21st century. The various stakeholder groups will set the stage for peer-driven learning where the entire class will ultimately vote on a conservation plan that they believe best serves their "greater environmental community", including all the "environmental citizens" that can inhabit the present and future.

## CONCEPT Conservation Planning

### ENDURING UNDERSTANDING:

Students will understand the differences between conservation management for the primary benefit of humans versus the long-term benefit of wildlife species and their ecosystems.

### CONTENT OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to evaluate the environmental and social considerations that determine a responsible conservation plan for an area. They will also be able to research, debate and develop a conservation plan that benefits the long-term health of ecosystems.

### LEARNER OBJECTIVES:

Students will use online research to determine what solutions and strategies various stakeholders use in developing conservation plans. Students will use other online research, group discussions and debate to develop their own conservation plan that uses a combination of social, environmental and wildlife considerations.

### PROCESS OBJECTIVES:

Students will work in small and large groups to process new information and use evidence to come to conclusions.

### MATERIALS NEEDED (each group, each student):

- Access to computers and the Internet
- *Conservation Pioneers* video and background information at; <http://intotheoutdoors.org/topics/pioneers-in-conservation>
- Pre-lesson questions to fill in while watching the video
- Four (4) Groups, 21st Century Conservation Pioneers Worksheets

## PROCEDURES

**Session 1 - Session 1** - Before watching the video *Pioneers In Conservation*, or reading the website background information, ask students about the fundamental concepts of "conservation". Also ask students how they may have practiced some aspect of "conservation" during their outdoor recreational pursuits. Lead a short discussion on what students have learned about their roles and responsibilities in conservation.

Have students download, or print and distribute the Pre-Lesson Student Worksheet (free PDF on the web link). Instruct students to fill in the worksheet while watching the video. Go over the questions with the students before viewing so they know what to look and listen for.

After viewing the video, review and discuss the answers to the questions as a class. Encourage discussion.

Next, divide the class into these four (4) 21st Century Conservation Pioneers Stakeholder groups:

1. Everything's Okay
2. Wildlife First
3. Biodiversity Rules
4. Seven Generations

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This activity is richest when completed in groups with answers shared to a whole class. The student worksheet is not a typical worksheet as it encourages students to construct knowledge as they answer questions. The questions build off of each other.

Inform students they will be working together as teams within their stakeholder group to achieve their assigned goals in Sessions 2, and 3.



PROCEDURES *(continued)***Session 2 - Team Research & Plan Development**

Have the groups of students download and print their respective 21st Century Conservation Pioneers Stakeholder worksheets and review the background information on the website (free PDFs on the web link).

Each of the four (4) stakeholder groups have specific and sometimes conflicting subjective goals in developing their 21st Century Conservation plan. In their separate assigned stakeholder groups, have students perform online research from the links provided, plus other sources they discover, then discuss and develop their group's 21st Century Conservation plan. The worksheet provides instructions and research guidelines for students to gather information.

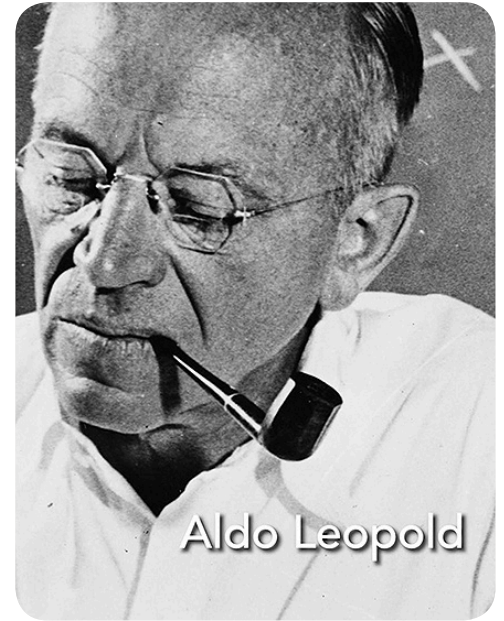
Inform each group that two members of their group will also present their 21st Century Conservation plan recommendations to the class during Session 3. Their presentations should be supported by factual research and/or evidence, and presented with at least one form of art or media prepared by the group (either video, poster, graphs, charts, images).

**Session 3 – Stakeholder Group Presentations & Class Debate**

Have each stakeholder group present their 21st Century Conservation Plan and supporting research and reasons for key points in their plan. Limit each group to five (5) minutes presentation time followed by two (2) minutes of questions by the other groups.

After the four groups present their conservation plans, lead a group discussion on how similar or key parts of the various plans could be included in an overall plan that would satisfy the main interests of all four stakeholder groups. The teacher may assist in leading the discussion while listing the key parts of a joint conservation plan.

Conclude the discussion by challenging students to come up with ideas on how they can spread the word to other students and the general public about the importance of a genuine 21st Century Conservation Plan.



## ASSESSMENT

Students will be informally assessed based on their participation within their groups and during class presentations and discussions. Teachers could collect the discussion notes students took during the video to check for completion. Students can be formally assessed using their Pre-Lesson Student Worksheets. Students can be assessed on meeting the formal learning objectives on how thoroughly students completed their **21st Century Conservation Plan worksheets**.

## EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Students can perform online research to see if any state or federal conservation agencies have developed plans and included parts of their stakeholder plans. They can give a short presentation to the class on how conservation professionals validated parts of their plans.

## RESOURCES

See the references on: <http://intotheoutdoors.org/topics/pioneers-in-conservation/>



The following **National Common Core Standards for Grades 9 - 12** can be met teaching;

## 21ST CENTURY CONSERVATION PIONEERS

### Grades 9-10:

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.9-10.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.9-10.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language of a court opinion differs from that of a newspaper).

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.9-10.7** Analyze various accounts of a subject told in different mediums (e.g., a person's life story in both print and multimedia), determining which details are emphasized in each account.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.1** Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.2** Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.4** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.5** Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on addressing what is most significant for a specific purpose and audience.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.6** Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products, taking advantage of technology's capacity to link to other information and to display information flexibly and dynamically.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.7** Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.8** Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.9-10.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.1** Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grades 9-10 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.2** Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.3** Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.4** Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.5** Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.

**National Common Core Standards** continued:

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.6** Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.1** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.3** Apply knowledge of language to understand how language functions in different contexts, to make effective choices for meaning or style, and to comprehend more fully when reading or listening.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.4** Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 9-10 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.5** Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.9-10.6** Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases, sufficient for reading, writing, speaking, and listening at the college and career readiness level; demonstrate independence in gathering vocabulary knowledge when considering a word or phrase important to comprehension or expression.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.1** Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.2** Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of text.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.4** Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 9-10 texts and topics.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.6** Analyze the author's purpose in providing an explanation, describing a procedure, or discussing an experiment in a text, defining the question the author seeks to address.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.7** Translate quantitative or technical information expressed in words in a text into visual form (e.g., a table or chart) and translate information expressed visually or mathematically (e.g., in an equation) into words.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.8** Assess the extent to which the reasoning and evidence in a text support the author's claim or a recommendation for solving a scientific or technical problem.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.9** Compare and contrast findings presented in a text to those from other sources (including their own experiments), noting when the findings support or contradict previous explanations or accounts.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.10** By the end of grade 10, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 9-10 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.WHST.9-10.1** Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.WHST.9-10.2** Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.

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**Grades 11-12:**

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.11-12.1** Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.11-12.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.11-12.7** Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.

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**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.11-12.8** Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.

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**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.11-12.3** Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, assessing the stance, premises, links among ideas, word choice, points of emphasis, and tone used.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.11-12.4** Present information, findings, and supporting evidence, conveying a clear and distinct perspective, such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning, alternative or opposing perspectives are addressed, and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and a range of formal and informal tasks.

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**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.11-12.9** Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.

**CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.11-12.10** By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend science/technical texts in the grades 11-CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.

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**HS-LS2-2.** Use mathematical representations to support and revise explanations based on evidence about factors affecting biodiversity and populations in ecosystems of different scales. [Clarification Statement: Examples of mathematical representations include finding the average, determining trends, and using graphical comparisons of multiple sets of data.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment is limited to provided data.]

**HS-LS2-6.** Evaluate claims, evidence, and reasoning that the complex interactions in ecosystems maintain relatively consistent numbers and types of organisms in stable conditions, but changing conditions may result in a new ecosystem. [Clarification Statement: Examples of changes in ecosystem conditions could include modest biological or physical changes, such as moderate hunting or a seasonal flood; and extreme changes, such as volcanic eruption or sea level rise.]

**HS-LS2-7.** Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of human activities can include urbanization, building dams, and dissemination of invasive species.]

**HS-LS4-5.** Evaluate the evidence supporting claims that changes in environmental conditions may result in (1) increases in the number of individuals of some species, (2) the emergence of new species over time, and (3) the extinction of other species. [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on determining cause and effect relationships for how changes to the environment such as deforestation, fishing, application of fertilizers, drought, flood, and the rate of change of the environment affect distribution or disappearance of traits in species.]

**HS-LS4-6.** Create or revise a simulation to test a solution to mitigate adverse impacts of human activity on biodiversity.\* [Clarification Statement: Emphasis is on testing solutions for a proposed problem related to threatened or endangered species, or to genetic variation of organisms for multiple species.]

**HS-ESS3-3.** Create a computational simulation to illustrate the relationships among the management of natural resources, the sustainability of human populations, and biodiversity. [Clarification Statement: Examples of factors that affect the management of natural resources include costs of resource extraction and waste management, per-capita consumption, and the development of new technologies. Examples of factors that affect human sustainability include agricultural efficiency, levels of conservation, and urban planning.] [Assessment Boundary: Assessment for computational simulations is limited to using provided multi-parameter programs or constructing simplified spreadsheet calculations.]

**HS-ESS3-4.** Evaluate or refine a technological solution that reduces impacts of human activities on natural systems.\* [Clarification Statement: Examples of data on the impacts of human activities could include the quantities and types of pollutants released, changes to biomass and species diversity, or areal changes in land surface use (such as for urban development, agriculture and livestock, or surface mining). Examples for limiting future impacts could range from local efforts (such as reducing, reusing, and recycling resources) to large-scale geoengineering design solutions (such as altering global temperatures by making large changes to the atmosphere or ocean).]

**HS-ETS1-2.** Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering.