

Roles and Responsibilities of a Turtle Guardian

Grade 1 – Social Studies



Lesson Details

Grade Level:	1	Curriculum Links:	Social Studies	Time Needed:	30 minutes
Learning Goal	Understand the different roles and responsibilities of a student within the classroom. Students will also be introduced to what it means to be a Turtle Guardian, including their roles and responsibilities.				
Success Criteria	By the end of the lesson, students will have thought about their roles and responsibilities in the classroom and within the environment.				
Specific Expectations	<p><i>Heritage and Identity: Our Changing Roles and Responsibilities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate questions to guide investigations into some aspects of the interrelationships between events, people, and/or places in their lives and their own roles, relationships, responsibilities, and identity/sense of self; Describe some of their own roles, relationships, and responsibilities; Identify some elements of respectful behaviour that they can practice in their everyday life; Demonstrate an understanding that it is important to treat other people and the environment with respect. 				
Materials Needed	Worksheet (attached), Pencil.				

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Overview	The students will complete the worksheet to learn about their roles and responsibilities within the classroom, and as a Turtle Guardian.
Activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce the topic of roles and responsibilities. Ask the students “what is a responsibility?” and discuss. Hand out the attached worksheet. Students will work through the worksheet to learn about their role as a student in the classroom and their responsibilities. Students will then be prompted to think about their responsibilities to the environment, and specifically to turtles. Students will be introduced to the role of a Turtle Guardian. Optional: Follow up this lesson with other Turtle Guardian curriculum to learn more about the Turtle Guardian program and more information about turtles.
Background Information	Instructors can use this case study as an example of how kids can step up and make a difference: Kids 4 Turtles raising money for turtle signs: https://www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/newsletter/spring2002.pdf
Blacklist Masters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worksheet (attached) Video Link(s): How You Can Help Ontario Turtles For more information, please visit https://www.turtleguardians.com/what-is-a-turtle-guardian/
Place-Based Learning	Students will reflect on their own responsibilities as a student within a classroom, as well as the responsibilities of a Turtle Guardian in nature. Having this knowledge will deepen their understanding of what it means to help local wildlife.
Inquiry-Based Learning	Using Open Inquiry , the students will work on their own to complete the worksheet. Ask the students:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a responsibility?• What are your responsibilities in the classroom?• What is a Turtle Guardian?• How can we help to protect the environment?
Turtle Stories	Go out into nature and help your local wildlife. Pick up and properly dispose of garbage in a local park. Create signs asking people to watch for turtles crossing roads. Take part in a Turtle Guardian Turtle Walk. Students are encouraged to share their experiences, pictures, and worksheets on the Turtle Stories website, found here: https://www.turtlestories.ca/
Turtle Guardian Program Links	In Level 1 (Ontario Turtle Identification) of the Turtle Guardian Program , students will learn how to identify all 8 species of Ontario's turtles and more information about the threats that turtles face. For more information, please visit https://www.turtleguardians.com/what-is-a-turtle-guardian/

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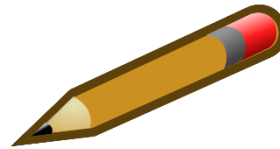
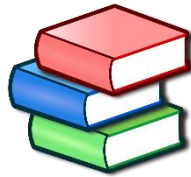
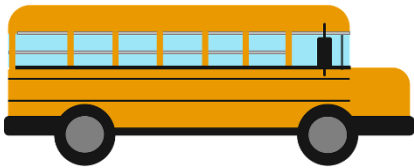


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2

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What other responsibilities do we have in the classroom?

 We have the responsibility to finish our homework, clean up after
 ourselves, ask for help when we need it, to share with friends, etc.

Word Bank:

Teacher

Student

Friends

Responsibility

3

We have responsibilities to protect the environment too! We use trash cans and we recycle.

How else do you protect the environment?

I pick up litter when I see it on the ground. I turn off the lights when I

leave a room. I respect wildlife. I have a reusable water bottle. I

conserve water by turning off the tap when I brush my teeth. Etc,



4

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My Friends



The Government



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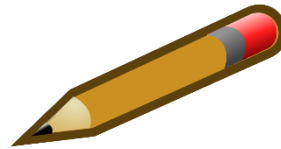
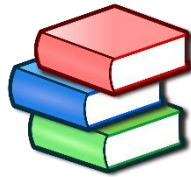
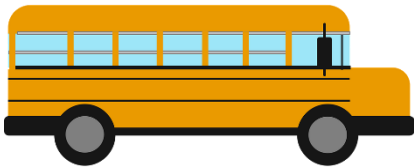


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