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My Neighborhood, My Community

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6-Part Series for **kids**

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

INTRODUCTION TO SERIES

Planet Earth is home to billions and billions of people, each one a very different person. But there is one thing we all have in common, almost everybody is part of a community and most of us live in a neighborhood.

This important cross-subject series for young children is aligned to the curriculum and fosters an understanding of what life is like in different types of communities and neighborhoods whether city, suburb or country. Each of the 6 programs features a young narrator who interestingly shares what daily life is like in the neighborhood for people, plants & animals. Each chaptered program includes important concepts of community, diversity, life, resources, and transportation, each carefully focused for early understanding.

As a complementary device with each program, an instructional guide suggests exercises to enhance the learning for teachers, parents and young learners. These interactive exercises will reinforce and further develop a students level of comprehension.

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Welcome To:

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Comprehension Questions

- How might nature in the country differ from nature in a suburban or city neighborhood? What animals would be different? What plants?
- Why is it so important to have nature as part of the country neighborhood?
- How do country neighborhoods help improve the quality of life for all members (people, plants, & animals) of the community?
- What plants or animals found in a country community might surprise you?

NATURE IN THE COUNTRY

Come along as our 9-year-old guide takes young learners on a fascinating tour of his open country neighborhood to show them how nature (plants, animals, and even the weather) are an important and special part of his neighborhood and community. He'll share with youngsters how plants and animals have learned to adapt in his country neighborhood.

Featuring Cross-Curriculum Chapters:

Neighborhoods & communities: An Introduction.
How nature changed as the country grew.
How important weather can be to those that live in the country.
How plants and natural areas survive and improve country life.
How many different animals live in the country.

Now You Know: We have learned what it's like in a country neighborhood where nature is all around us. We know that some plants and animals must be cared for by people in the country while others have adapted to the environment and care for themselves. We also know that weather is a very important part of the natural life in the country. Now that we know, we can appreciate that a country neighborhood can be a special place for plants and animals too.

Assessment of Prior Knowledge

Have you ever visited the country? What animals did you see? Did any of them surprise you?

How might plants and animals in a country neighborhood differ from your neighborhood? How might they be the same?

Discussion Questions:

What was the area like for plants and animals before the first settlers arrived in the country ?

What types of animals are you likely to find in the country?

What does it mean when plants and animals adapt to their neighborhood & community?

Weather can be especially important in the country, why?

Follow Up Activities

Consider a local map and ask students to find locations in the country, by using the map legends or other visual techniques.

Consider a trip to a country community, if possible, to explore the natural world of plants and animals.

Use the internet or other sources to learn fascinating facts about the natural world in the country.

VOCABULARY (Key Words)

Community - a large group of people who live in the same area and may share similar interests.

Neighborhood - a group of people who live very close to one another. Usually in a smaller area.

Country - an area away from cities and towns where people live.

Adapting - People, animals and plants learning to adjust to a change in life or environment.

Environment - a combination of physical, social and cultural conditions that affect and influence the life of people, animals and plants.

Greenspace - designated land, that is kept or maintained in a natural state, free from buildings.