



What's Happening in the Natural World Around You?

You Will Need:

- 1 Brainstorming Worksheet per group of 3 or 4 students

Procedure:

1. Tell students that the video they watched and the activity they just did may have given them some ideas about the kind of investigation they might undertake for the Young Naturalist Awards.
2. Tell them they will work in groups to come up with questions about the natural environment in their area. The questions could be something they've read about, heard about, or are curious about.
3. Divide the students into groups of 3 or 4. Distribute one recording sheet to each group. Call on students to brainstorm 2 to 3 questions for each topic listed. Encourage them to formulate questions that are relevant to their local area.
4. When students are done, have each group share their questions with the rest of the class.

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Brainstorming Worksheet

Brainstorm 2–3 questions related to each of the following topics for the neighborhood/area/region where you live.

Pollution

Animals/Plants

Invasive Species

Ecosystem/Ecosystem Change



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