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Answers

UNDERSTAND EARTH DAY ART MESSAGES

DIRECTIONS: Read the text and examine the photos of the artworks. Then answer the questions about them.



Earth Day is a day to heighten awareness about global environmental crises. It began in 1970 and has become the largest civic event in the world. Artists have joined the fold, and are creating art to highlight certain environmental crises and to inspire people to think about the environment.

Earthday.org created an **Artist for the Earth** global campaign, whereby it connects with art organizations and artists to help bring awareness to the public. The idea is that art will draw attention to environmental topics and people will respond to the artworks. Hopefully, the observers' personal connection to the art could inspire them to think about the environment, and even to become advocates for Earth themselves.

DIRECTIONS: Write your thoughts about each art piece near the photo.

ART PIECE #1:



"Plastic Hungry Turtle" on the beach in Gili Trawangan, Bali

MY THOUGHTS:

Students may notice:

- trash in the turtle's belly
- the sign and what it says
- plastic mentioned
- it's on the beach, so may speak specifically about trash on the beach

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ART PIECE #2:



"Save the Planet, Please."

MY THOUGHTS:

Students may notice:

- a seagull flying the banner, which is not usual
- the words on the banner
- the seagull sharing the message and not an airplane with a person in control
- the message is from the seagull (animal) to humans

ART PIECE #3:



"Reduce Speed Now!" by Justin Brice

MY THOUGHTS:

Students may notice:

- it's a road sign, so people driving will see it
- the words and the comparison between a hurricane and human activity

Students may also mention some harmful human activity, such as driving cars and creating roads.

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Possible Answers

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DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions based on the text and photos above.

1. What message is portrayed through the “Plastic Hungry Turtle” art installation?

The artist is highlighting plastic. The turtle is hungry and it has trash in its belly. The message is about trash in the sea. The artist may want people to reduce waste or pick up trash so that it doesn't make its way into the ocean where turtles can eat it. Or, the message can be that the trash is reducing the turtle's food supply.

2. What is the artist's intention behind having the seagull fly the banner in Art Piece # 2?

Instead of a plane, which releases emissions into the Earth, the seagull is flying the banner. The banner reads, 'Save the Planet, Please' as if the seagull were asking for people to save the planet. The seagull has a vested interest in saving the planet because it will help them live on the planet, too. Using the seagull to share the message highlights the cooperative living of humans and animals on Earth.

3. Art Piece #3 says “Warning: Hurricane Human” on the road sign. Explain the artist's reference, and what those words have to do with the artwork's message.

The artist is comparing human activity to a hurricane. The artist believes that human activity has an impact on the planet, and the impact is as powerful as a hurricane. The artist wants people to be aware of the changes people make to the Earth.

4. Sketch your own art for Earth Day. What is your message?

Drawings and messages will vary.