

# The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales



## RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

### THINK-TAC-TOE ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- ◆ Individual students can choose an activity to complete.
- ◆ Student pairs or cooperative groups can work together on a choice of their own.
- ◆ Educator can assign an activity for an individual, pairs, or groups.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOW GREEN WAS MY DESERT?</b></p> <p>The Thar Desert is the greenest desert in the world. What is the driest desert in the world? Research to find out. Make a poster, chart, or PowerPoint to compare the two (climate, plant and animal life, location, etc.). Why do you think the Thar is so much greener?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science, Geography, Math</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>I, OBJECT</b></p> <p>Many folk tales use <i>personification</i> to make animals or parts of nature into characters. Write a story that personifies an everyday object, like a phone or a bookbag. What is a typical day like for the object? Does it like its job? How does it feel about human beings?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CYCLING THROUGH</b></p> <p>“The Sun Mother” explains the cycle of day and night. What is the real, scientific explanation? Build a model or draw and label a diagram to show what causes day and night. When it is day in your city, where is it night? Check <a href="http://www.worldtimezone.com">www.worldtimezone.com</a>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science, Engineering, Technology</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN</b></p> <p>Today, India gives out a special award named for Amrita to people who help protect nature. Do you know someone who tries to protect the earth? Write a letter explaining why they should win this award. How do they help nature? Why is protecting nature so important?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Writing, Science</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TELLING TALES</b></p> <p>Why do cows have spots? Why are there waves in the ocean? Make up your own folk tale to explain why or how something in nature happened. Write your tale as an illustrated short story or comic strip. Then, research to find out the <i>real</i> explanation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Writing, Art, Science, Social Studies</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE POET IN THE MOON</b></p> <p>You’re the moon, and though most people don’t know it, you’re a poet! Write at least 5 poems from the point of view of the moon. What’s it like to be you? What do you do all day? Are you friends with the other moons? Draw pictures to go with your poems.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Writing, Art, Science</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE MORAL OF THE STORY</b></p> <p>Pick one of the tales. What is the <i>moral</i>, or lesson, of the tale? Do you agree with the moral? Why or why not? Write a persuasive essay to explain why the moral is right or wrong. Be sure to give reasons and examples from real life to support your opinion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Writing, Science</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?</b></p> <p>You’ve been asked to design a garden for your school. Create a blueprint for your school garden. Use these questions to guide your planning. Where will you put it? How big will it be? What will you plant? Will you add benches or a gazebo? Write a paragraph explaining your design. What will make your garden special?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Technology, Engineering, Art</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THINKING GREEN</b></p> <p>You have \$200 to buy flowers, trees, and shrubs for your garden. Use <a href="http://www.parkseed.com">www.parkseed.com</a> to make a list of items you can plant without going over your budget. Include the cost of each plant and how many you will buy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Math, Technology</i></p>