



# MRF ACTIVITIES FOR THE CLASSROOM

## FOR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Thank you for your visit to the MRF! We hope that you and your students found it both educational and fun. If you'd like to incorporate more recycling activities or lessons into your classroom, here are some below that would be a great start.

- **Were your students intrigued by the data of What's in the Trash?** Have them brainstorm creative ways to handle each kind of waste. Have students, either individually or in groups, determine the best way to decrease a specific sector of waste ending up in landfills. Would it be through better education or encouragement of recycling at home? Would it be through a new product that can utilize that resource? Would it be through a better collection or recycling method? This activity can challenge your students' critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- **Were your students interested in how to reduce their use?** First, have them discover how much they are actually using! By [clicking this link](#), students can calculate how many Earths would be required to sustain their current lifestyle, often referred to as an "ecological footprint." The website takes our daily driving, purchasing, and living habits to determine our energy and resource use. Students can then explore environmental and social science by taking a look at [this video](#) and exploring their ecological and social "handprints" to see how they can lessen (or increase) their impact.
- **Were your students interested by what can and cannot be recycled?** Do a classroom recycling audit. Using gloves, go through the trash and recycling bin (if available) in your classroom. What was thrown away? What was recycled? Could anything that was thrown away be recycled (and vice versa)? Have them go through their day and determine what they could recycle, but choose not to. Ask them why. You can even have students develop surveys to determine recycling habits and patterns throughout your campus.



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