

Water Matters

Explore Environments–Earth



RESPOND to water you can see, hear, and feel as you observe different sources, both outdoors (such as rain, streams, rivers, puddles, lakes, oceans) and indoors (such as sinks, bathtubs, washing machines). Look at various photos or artwork that show images of water. Notice the range of colors and textures.



CREATE an image that portrays water. Consider how the colors and textures you use could represent waves, swirls, drops, or pools of water and imply motion or the clarity and purity of the water.

CREATE A WATER SCENE.
WHEN YOUR ART IS DRY
ADD A STATEMENT ABOUT
THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER
AND PROTECTING SOURCES
OF CLEAN WATER.

A watercolor effect can be achieved by slightly wetting a marker tip before you draw, or sketching with watercolor pencils and then brushing water on top. You might also decide to paint the scene with classic watercolors.



PRESENT your water scenes and messages to others. Discuss the way the images work with the words you wrote to convey meaning and express the intent of your artwork. Describe how it felt to create this art and to focus on the importance of water.



CONNECT this activity with water protection advocacy. Why does access to clean water matter? How can water waste be reduced and natural sources of clean water be preserved? Discuss the relationship between water and wellness for all living things, including challenges plants and animals face if humans don't protect clean water sources. How do communities use water for hydration, cleaning, and other daily living tasks? What is your community doing to provide fresh water for these uses and to sustain clean water sources? How could your art and crisp statement help other water protection advocates communicate about water matters?



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