



# Connections: Guide to a Healthy Environment



## IN A NUTSHELL

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### SUBJECTS

Fine Arts  
Language Arts  
Science

*Connections* is a guidebook to help students learn to take care of the environment. Individual chapters address habitat destruction, population growth, pollution, and other environmental concepts and issues. Students are routinely encouraged to provide their own artwork to blank spaces in the text. Each chapter contains background information and provides examples of "Eco-Warriors", students who have taken on environmental project or challenges. A number of "Eco Assignments" are provided, where students and their families work together to measure their household use of resources.

An Eco Guide at the back of the student book provides additional suggestions for action projects. Included are a lengthy resource list and a bibliography. The teacher's manual provides additional background information, calendars, pre- and post-tests with answers, data sheets, and masters of handouts. It also contains investigations and demonstrations, each listing a learner outcome, duration, and discussion or journaling suggestions.

**Grade Level**  
5-8

**Length**  
195 pages

**Date Published**  
1994

THE BOTTOM  
LINE

"Very few materials so clearly delineate the use of kinesthetic activities—this is a godsend for those looking to integrate movement into the curriculum."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Open to inquiry.	Factual information is rarely referenced. Opposing viewpoints generally not included.
	Depth	Numerous activities build awareness. Chapters build on individual concepts. Addresses regional, local, and global scales.	
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Develops communication and higher-level thinking skills.	Does not encourage students to arrive at their own conclusions.
	Action Orientation	Teachers self-efficacy and personal responsibility. Very action oriented.	
	Instructional Soundness	Activities build on previous knowledge. Provides for a varied learning environment. Very interdisciplinary and learner-centered.	Learner outcomes are very general.
Usability	Adaptable to any location in the U.S. Background information is thorough and helpful. Lessons are well-written and easy to use.	Does not identify grade level or target audience.	

"Most activities could be done without the student workbook."

"Great sense of humor throughout the curriculum - keeps a 'heavy' topic 'light!'"