



Worms Eat Our Garbage

Classroom Activities for a Better Environment



IN A NUTSHELL

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SUBJECTS

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Language Arts
Mathematics
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This collection of activities originated from the response to the author's earlier book, *Worms Eat My Garbage*, and to requests for specific activities relating to worms and composting. The 155 activities in this book are divided into three chapters: The World of Worms, which explores worm anatomy, size, natural history and behavior; Worms at Work, which addresses the use of worms in decomposing garbage; and Beyond the Bin, which focuses on garbage, solid waste, recycling, and other related topics. The activities are presented as student worksheets, most of them only one page in length. Types of activities include drawing pictures of worms, story telling, measuring the amount of garbage put into a worm bin, conducting an attitude survey about worms, charting observations of the tunnels made by the worms, and conducting experiments to determine what items might decompose in a landfill. The book also includes planning sheets, calendars, metric conversion charts, a listing of resources and enrichment materials, suggestions for teachers, a bibliography, a glossary, and an index.

Grade Level	K-12
Length	214 pages
Date Published	1993

THE BOTTOM
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"This is a comprehensive guide, but falls short in matching objectives to specific lessons."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Contains factual information.	
	Depth	Emphasizes awareness. Includes both general and specific information. Makes connections between worm composting and other issues (e.g. solid waste).	
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Includes some measuring, classification, and identification skills.	
	Action Orientation	Instills a personal stake at the local level.	
	Instructional Soundness	Learner-centered. Many hands-on, interdisciplinary activities.	Activities lack objectives and outcomes. Too many activities are centered around worksheets.
	Usability	Instructions are easy to read and to use. Materials are easily obtained.	Information on worms is scattered throughout the book rather than in a single summary.

"Very useful. Covers all aspects of worms."

"A worm bin in the classroom is an excellent idea and lends itself to lots of inquiry-based activities."