

Quote Poker

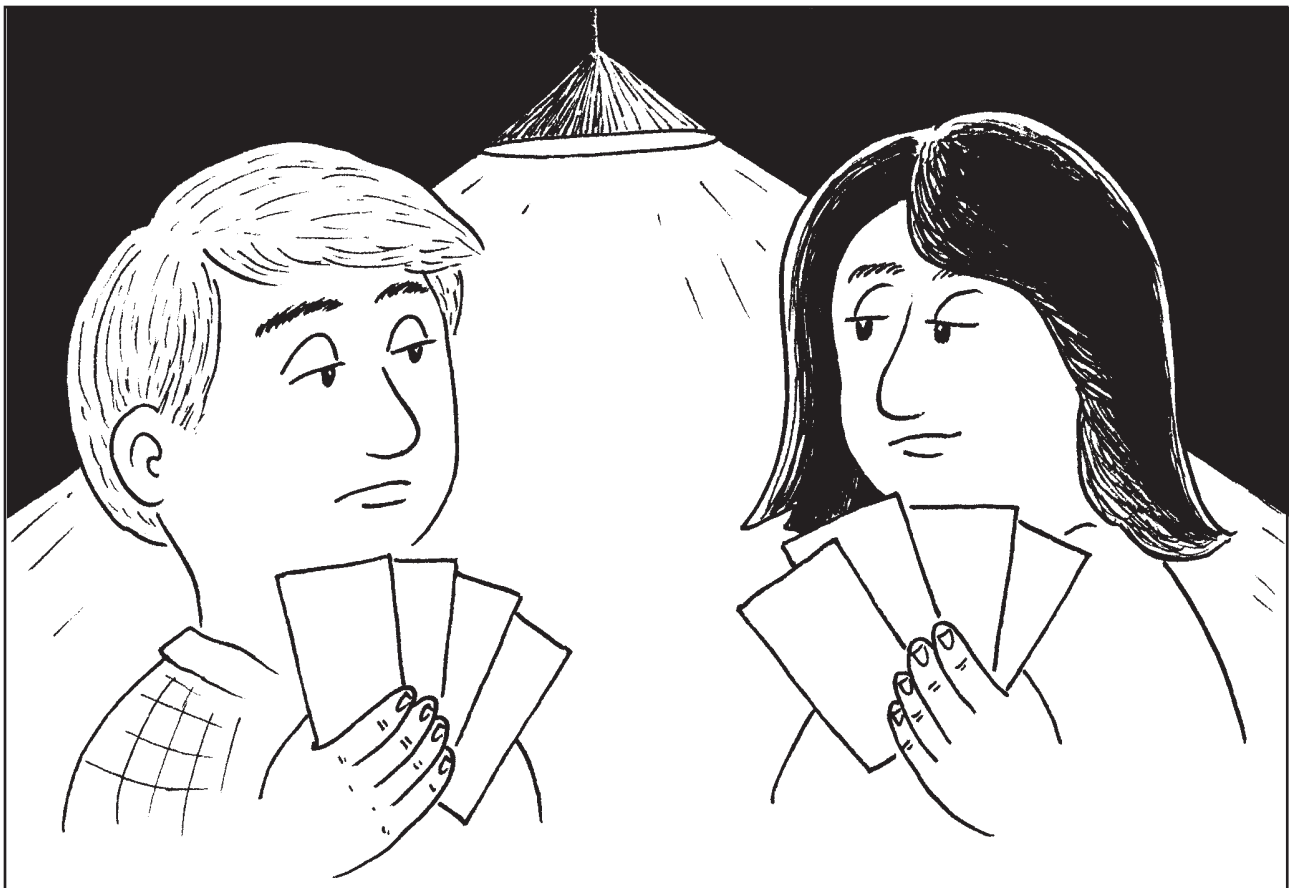
Students are given a “hand” of cards with environmental quotes written on them, and then trade cards with their peers until they find the quote that they like best. They then read the card aloud and tell the group why they chose this quote.

Instructions for the Teacher:

1. The description above very aptly describes this simple yet enjoyable activity. Make two copies of the following page of quotes, such that each of your students will have three or four in their "hands".

Distribute cards at random to the students (add your own favourite quotes if you have some!), and encourage them to trade cards with each other, poker-style, until they have one they are satisfied with.

2. Have each student read their card aloud. As an option, you may wish to have them state why they chose it. As an extension activity, have each student write a few paragraphs about what their chosen quote means to them.



The earth laughs in flowers.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

How deeply with beauty
is beauty overlaid.

John Muir

In wilderness is the preservation of the world.

Henry David Thoreau

There is only one corner of the universe that
you can be certain of improving, and that is
your own self.

Aldous Huxley

Nature is home, with the responsibilities for care
and affection and aesthetic concern that the
word implies.

J. Stan Rowe

The object of our game with nature is not to
win, but to keep on playing.

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Whom the Gods would destroy they first make
mad.

Longfellow

Now I see the secret of the making of the best
persons. It is to grow in the open air, and to eat
and sleep with the earth.

Walt Whitman

The major problems in the world are the result
of the difference between the way nature works
and the way man thinks.

Gregory Bateson

When you try to change any single thing, you
find it hitched to everything else in the universe.

John Muir

...And forget not that the earth delights to feel
your bare feet and the wind longs to play with
your hair.

Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet

Experimenting
I hung the moon
on various branches of the pine.

haiku by Hokushi

One of the great dreams of man must be to
find some place between the extremes of
nature and civilization where it is possible to
live without regret.

Barry Lopez

The unleashed power of the atom has changed
everything except our way of thinking.

Albert Einstein

“You get out there in space and say to yourself:
that’s home. That’s the only home we have, and
the only one we’re going to have for a long
time.”

Edgar Dean Mitchell, Apollo 14 astronaut

Climb into the mountains and get their good
tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as
sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow
their own freshness into you, and the storms
their energy, while care will drop off like au-
tumn leaves.

John Muir

Carpe deum - Seize the day!

author unknown

Any path will do if you don't know where
you're going.

author unknown

The great man is he who does not lose his
child's heart.

Meng-tse

He who has begun his task has half done it.

Horace

Teach your children
what we have taught our children:
that the earth is our mother.

Chief Alphonse Lameman

Good teachers do not teach. They create excit-
ing learning situations.

Steve van Matre

A child educated only in school is an unedu-
cated child.

George Santayana

Nature is loved by what is best in us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

This is a present from a small distant world...We
are attempting to survive our times so that we
may live into yours.

*recorded message on board the Voyager space
probe*

We need the tonic of wilderness - to wade
sometimes in marshes...we are earnest to ex-
plore and learn all things...that land and sea can
be infinitely wild. We can never have enough of
nature.

Henry David Thoreau

And now here is my secret, a very simple
secret: it is only with the heart that one can see
rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

Antoine de Saint Exupery, The Little Prince

Some people look at the way things are,
and that is fine for them.
I dream dreams that never were,
and ask "Why Not?"

Kennedy (?)

Since the beginning of time each generation has
fought nature. Now, in the life span of a single
generation, man must turn and become the
protector of nature.

Jacques Cousteau

When you lose the power of wonder, you be-
come old - no matter how old you are. But if
you have the power of wonderment, you will say
forever young.

Sigurd F. Olson

We shall require a substantially new way of
thinking if mankind is to survive.

Albert Einstein

Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the
window by any man, but coaxed downstairs one
step at a time.

Mark Twain

It will be a great day when our schools get all the money the need and the air force has to hold a bake sale to build a bomber.

Author unknown

Until the environment becomes a personal issue it is just talking...talking...talking..."

Dr. Wangari Maathai

The frog does not drink up the pond in which he lives.

Indian Proverb

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

We have not inherited the earth from our parents, we have borrowed it from our children.

Author unknown

Think globally, act locally.

Author unknown

I am part of the world. I am able to change my life for the better. Therefore I am able to change the world for the better.

Helen and David Dufty

Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.

Johann Goethe

Environmentalists make terrible neighbours but great ancestors.

David Brower

Experience is not what happens to you - it is what you do with experience.

Aldous Huxley

Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little.

Edmund Burke

We can do no great things, only small things with great love.

Mother Teresa

Ultimately, Canadians will have the environment that they deserve.

Environment Canada

Lets treat Canada as if we plan to stay.

Susan Holtz - Ecology Action Centre

What use is a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on.

Henry David Thoreau

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Teach your children what we have taught our children - that the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth.

- Chief Seattle

Man does not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself...

Chief Seattle