REWILDING CHILDREN: Creating Digital Tools for K-5 Wildlife Education

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Problem

Lack of education with regards to wildlife and related topics

Understanding the gaps!
Global Context

- Transboundary themes, values, and gaps

“They are the same themes you see all around the world, the same stories, just different wildlife and different people.”
Interviewees

1. Teachers
2. Parents
3. WildLife Agencies
4. Global Leaders
### Interviewing Findings

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<td>1. People are becoming more disconnected from Wildlife and the Natural World</td>
<td>“Wildlife is real and many of us will have a wildlife encounter at some point in time”</td>
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<td>2. Effective teaching Methods, and Meaningful learning.</td>
<td>“It’s about trying to form a connection through the screen.”</td>
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### Identified gaps

3. Not Forcing our Own values on students, and raising an awareness for Global Values

4. Politics and Polarization

### Interview Findings

3. “4 main values and viewpoints of wild animals: Economist, Ecologists, Philosopher, & Social Scientists

4. “Our local and world climate are changing, and it’s important that our students are being taught about how that affects our population and wildlife.”
WEBSITE CONCEPT DESIGN

- Lesson 1: Native Wildlife
- Lesson 2: Wildlife Encounters
- Lesson 3: Invasive Species
- Lesson 4: Protecting Our Backyard
- Lesson 5: Saving Species
- Lesson 6: The Future of Wildlife

Progress:
- Watch Videos: ✓
- Game: ✓
- Interactive Assignment: ❌
- Quiz: 60%
Our Project

Website Structure

Lesson Structure

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Explore
Animal Wonders Inc.

Latest Posts

Biodiversity
Lesson 5: The Importance of Wildlife

Why is Wildlife so important? Growing an appreciation for wildlife in your area is a great start to coexisting with nature. Wild animals will have special meanings for each person. Learning about what an animal does and how it acts, helps people find things about animals that make the wild special to them! We love animals.

Climate Change
Lesson 6: The Future of Wildlife

How is Climate Change Affecting Wildlife? Climate change doesn't only affect people, it affects different species and animals across the planet. As a result, habitats are changing which changes the water, food, and shelters available. Most species have learned to adjust to the gradual transformation of climate change. However, the acceleration of change has created
Challenges and Limitations

- Gathering information that fit the K-5 age group as well as our teaching goals
- Website capabilities within our budget
CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

RESEARCH: LITERATURE | RESEARCH: INTERVIEWS | BUILD | SHARE

Completed | Completed | Completed | In Progress
Luckily, everyone can do things to protect our backyards and keep them healthy for people and wildlife! Use the video links and discussion questions to learn about ways you can protect your backyard. When you're done, don't forget to add an entry to your Field Journal!

**Vocabulary**

**Habitat**

The place an animal naturally lives and grows. This consists of food, water, shelter, and space.

**Ecosystem**

A community of organisms interacting with each other and their environment. A part of an ecosystem is an organism or group of organisms that interact with each other and their environment.

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**Rewilding Children**

[rewildingchildren.wordpress.com/blog](rewildingchildren.wordpress.com/blog)

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**Why are pollinators important?**

In this lesson, learn about why bees as a pollinator species are so important to not only plants, but to us as well.

Find out about a few reasons why pollinators like bees and others are so important.

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**Bees**

Really Important

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**Climate Change (according to a kid)**

In this video, a student describes the bigger picture about how our world is being affected.

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**Human Impact on the Environment**

How is the world different now? Let’s take a look!

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**Lesson 4: Protecting our Backyard**

How can you protect wildlife in your backyard? Whether you live in an apartment with no yard or a house that has a backyard, you can find wildlife living all around you. For example, when playing protected areas...