

Outdoor & Woodland Learning Activity Sheet

Activity:	John Muir Quote Activity									
Habitat:	Any	Season:	S	✓	S	✓	A	✓	W	✓

Level	
Early	
First	
Second	✓
Third and Fourth	✓
Senior Phase	

Curriculum topics			
Expressive Arts	✓	Health and Wellbeing	✓
Languages	✓	Mathematics	
Religious & Moral Ed	✓	Sciences	
Social Studies	✓	Technology	

Equipment*
A3 John Muir Quote worksheets
Paper beards*
Tablet/phone (with video function)
Paper
Coloured pens

Time
30 minutes

Key outcomes
Learn about John Muir and the John Muir Award
Interpret the meaning in well-known John Muir quotes
Reflect on our own thoughts and experiences that relate to these

*Items depicted in bold are available from CALLP

Activity description
<p>Divide into groups containing no more than 8 individuals. Follow the instructions on the worksheets to explore a quote famously said by John Muir. Have a group discussion and use tablet/pens/paper creatively to express thoughts, feelings and reflections regarding the questions asked.</p>

Notes
<p>Beard print off link: https://i1.wp.com/www.lifeofanarchitect.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/LOAA_beard-kit.jpg</p>



John Muir quote questions

Task 1: On the tablet, film a member of your group wearing a John Muir Beard and reading the following quote. Can they say it as dramatically and meaningfully as possible?:

“Everyone needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.”

Task 2: Have a group discussion based on the following questions.

Write key words or draw pictures and diagrams to illustrate your answers. Use the tablet creatively to answer questions.

1. What does Muir mean by saying ‘beauty’ as well as ‘bread’?
2. What needs do we have on a daily basis? Things that keep us alive?
3. What other needs do we have? Things that give us enjoyment and make us feel happy? Is access to nature one of these? Why?
4. Do you have any other thoughts or feelings about this quote?

John Muir quote questions

Task 1: On the tablet, film a member of your group wearing a John Muir Beard and reading the following quote. Can they say it as dramatically and meaningfully as possible?:

“I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in.”

Task 2: Have a group discussion based on the following questions.

Write key words or draw pictures and diagrams to illustrate your answers. Use the tablet creatively to answer questions.

1. How do you feel when you go out a walk in nature?
2. What is your favourite memory of playing outdoors?
3. If you could pick one wild place in the world to go for a walk, where would it be? Why?
4. Do you have any other thoughts or feelings about this quote?