

Planting Trees to Hold Back the Desert

Activity 1

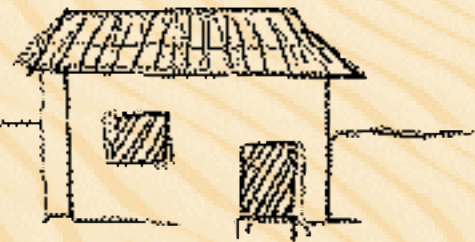
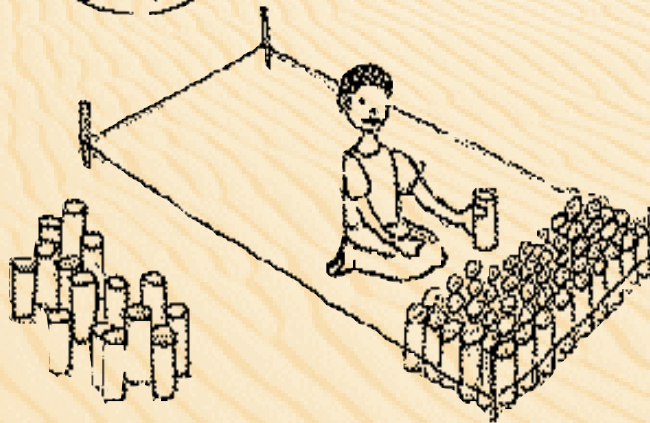


PURPOSE: To emphasize young people's role in appreciating and caring for the natural environment, and to share the experiences of young people working on environmental initiatives in West Africa.

TIME: One hour

MATERIALS: Illustrated worksheet on the following page, pens or markers

METHOD: Distribute the attached sheets to your students. They may want to refer to the "Trees" section of the binder for notes on the types of trees typically used in reforestation projects in West Africa.



NEARLY HALF OF THE WORLD'S POOREST PEOPLE DEPEND ON WOOD AS THEIR ONLY SOURCE OF ENERGY. USUALLY IT IS WOMEN WHO SPEND MANY HOURS A DAY COLLECTING FIREWOOD TO COOK THEIR FAMILIES' MEALS.