

OUR FIRST QUESTIONS ABOUT GARBAGE!

GARBAGE

- How much garbage is produced every day?
- How can we reduce how much garbage we produce (and how much useful stuff we throw away)?
- What does our city do with its garbage?
- Where does Vancouver send all its garbage? Where does the garbage go?
- What's in the garbage? What is it composed of?
- Why are we producing so much litter?

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- What's the effect of all this garbage?
- When will people realize that polluting does so much harm to the earth?
- What happens to the trash once it reaches the dump?
- How do garbage dumps affect the environment?
- What kind of materials are hazardous? What happens to them?
- What are "the 3Rs"? What order do they come in? Why is this order important?

HISTORY

- What have people tried in the past to change the situation?
- **Why** are we producing more and more garbage every year?

AUDIENCE

- Who needs to know this information? Who is our "target audience"?
- What is the key information that we need to get out to people so they will change their behaviour?
- How do people feel when they see others litter?
- What will it take to get people to care about this stuff?

PACKAGING

- Why do companies use so much packaging on their products?
- What are all the issues we need to consider when we talk about "reducing" packaging?

REUSE

- Why can't we reuse more stuff (like the cap and shaft of a felt marker)?
- Why are things not being designed to be reused?

RECYCLING

- Are people throwing away stuff they could recycle?
- How is garbage being recycled?
- How could more garbage be recycled?
- What prevents more stuff from getting recycled?
- Why do people put things that could be recycled into the garbage?
- Why do people mix garbage in with the recycling?
- What happens to the stuff we put into the blue recycling boxes?
- What do the recycling symbols on the bottoms of plastic containers mean?