Our mission is to Instill Land to Sea Conservation and Compassion for animals in the hearts of the next generation.

-ReelTime Animal Rescue-

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BENEFITS TO STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS:

- SUPPORTS EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL LEARNING BY PROMOTING EMPATHY AND COMPASSION.
- ENCOURAGES CRITICAL THINKING THROUGH PROBLEM-SOLVING AND DISCUSSION.
- ENHANCES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND AWARENESS AT A YOUNG ADULT AGE, LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP.

COMPASSION EDUCATION



GRADES 9 - 12



OVERVIEW

Designed for high school students, with a focus on deeper engagement, community involvement, and the development of leadership skills in environmental and animal welfare advocacy. The program is structured to challenge students with complex ethical discussions, comprehensive project management, and significant community outreach.



CURRICULUM GOALS



- Foster an in-depth understanding of global conservation issues and animal welfare.
- Develop critical thinking and ethical reasoning through debates and case studies.
- Encourage civic engagement and leadership by involving students in community projects and fundraising activities.





DURATION & FLEXIBILITY



- Designed for a flexible duration of 1 to 3 days, with extensions available for longer projects or integration into semester-long courses.
- Adaptable teaching content that can be tailored to complement existing community engagement initiatives or high school projects.



DISCOVERY



- Study global biodiversity, focusing on the ecological, economic, and ethical reasons for conservation, supplemented with current research and data.
- Discussion circles on recent conservation challenges and breakthroughs, using scholarly articles and media reports.
- Interactive workshops on ecological footprints and human impacts on various ecosystems, incorporating digital tools to analyze data.

PREPARATION

- Day 1: Educator selects a Presenter from ReelTime Animal Rescue's website; Book Date & Time.
- Pre-livestream research session where students prepare by studying the chosen sanctuary or conservation organization, formulating critical questions.
- Submit questions to the Presenter before live session.

LIVE CONNECTION (30-45 minutes)



• Day 2: Presenter is livestreamed via Google Meet in the classroom on selected date.

- Presenter answers previously submitted questions.
- Encourage community involvement

INSPIRE



- Day 3: Engage in a review and dialogue session regarding the livestream, inspiring students to share their insights on the ethical discussions presented.
- Initiate team projects aimed at constructing an in-depth conservation campaign or outlining a fundraising strategy.



GUIDE FOR TEACHERS: COMPASSION EDUCATION: CONNECT & INSPIRE

Introduction: This guide for high school students not only educates about animal welfare and conservation but also empowers students to actively engage through community involvement, leadership in advocacy, and the development of comprehensive projects that have real-world impact.

Integrating video production for Public Service Announcements (PSAs) is a powerful way to expand the impact of the "Compassion Education: CONNECT & Inspire" curriculum, especially for high school students. This approach not only enhances learning outcomes by applying academic knowledge in real-world contexts but also helps in raising public awareness about animal welfare and conservation issues.

COMPASSION EDUCATION: CONNECT & INSPIRE

1. Welcome and Overview:

- An introduction to the "Compassion Education: CONNECT & Inspire" program.
- Overview of the program's goals, benefits for students, and expected outcomes.

2. Curriculum Structure and Timing:

• Breakdown of the curriculum over 1 to 3 days.

Day 1: Engaging with Experts and Ethical Considerations

 Pre-livestream research session where students prepare by exploring the selected ReelTime Animal Rescue sanctuary or conservation organization, crafting thoughtful questions, and submitting them to the Presenter one day prior to the livestream.



Day 2: Live Connection with ReelTime Animal Rescue's Presenter

- Objective: Students interact live with animal welfare professionals to learn about real-world conservation efforts.
- Activities:
 - Livestream Preparation: Set classroom rules for the live session.
 - Facilitating student questions/answers and engagement during the livestream.
 - Debrief and reflective discussion on the livestream, encouraging students to express their views on ethical issues discussed.
 - Materials Needed: Technical setup requirements for hosting the livestream.

Day 3: Community Involvement and Campaign Launch

- Objective: Use creative projects to reinforce learning and encourage advocacy for animal welfare. Integrating hands-on activities after a livestream session can significantly enhance their learning experience and make a tangible impact.
- Activities:
 - Conduct a Fundraiser: Students can organize a fundraiser for the organization they just engaged with via livestream or select a local animal shelter/sanctuary in their community.
- Curriculum Segment for Video Production: Public Service Announcements (PSA's)
 - Incorporate Media Production: Introduce a segment that focuses on the basics of creating effective PSAs. This module should cover storytelling techniques, scriptwriting, filming, editing, and ethical considerations in media production.
 - Students learn to use video editing software utilizing videos they have filmed on their cell phones. Online platforms can provide tutorials and hands-on experience.
 - Students plan and design their campaigns, focusing on target audiences, messaging, and media.
 - Presentation to a panel that could include teachers, community members, and possibly local officials or activists and media.



Extended Project Options:

- Community Service Projects: Engage with local or global conservation organizations to undertake tangible conservation projects or assist in ongoing campaigns.
- Scientific Research Projects: Students conduct their research under guided supervision, focusing on local environmental issues, with possibilities for publication or presentation in science fairs.

DIGITAL TOOLS

Purpose and Use:

- Digital tools, such as free online programs, to integrate technology into learning, allowing students to create digital projects or presentations that can be shared beyond the classroom.
- These tools also aim to enhance engagement and provide students with modern skills in digital communication.

Teacher Feedback:

• Feedback on ReelTime Animal Rescue's Compassion Education CONNECT & Inspire curriculum and its implementation.

