TRASH REVOLUTION — TEACHING GUIDE QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE BOOK

Trash Revolution examines the entire life cycle of the everyday stuff we use, trash, recycle — and even transform into new materials.

You'll learn:

- where the water you drink comes from
- what happens to your clothes after you grow out of them
- how your old cell phone can protect the rain forest
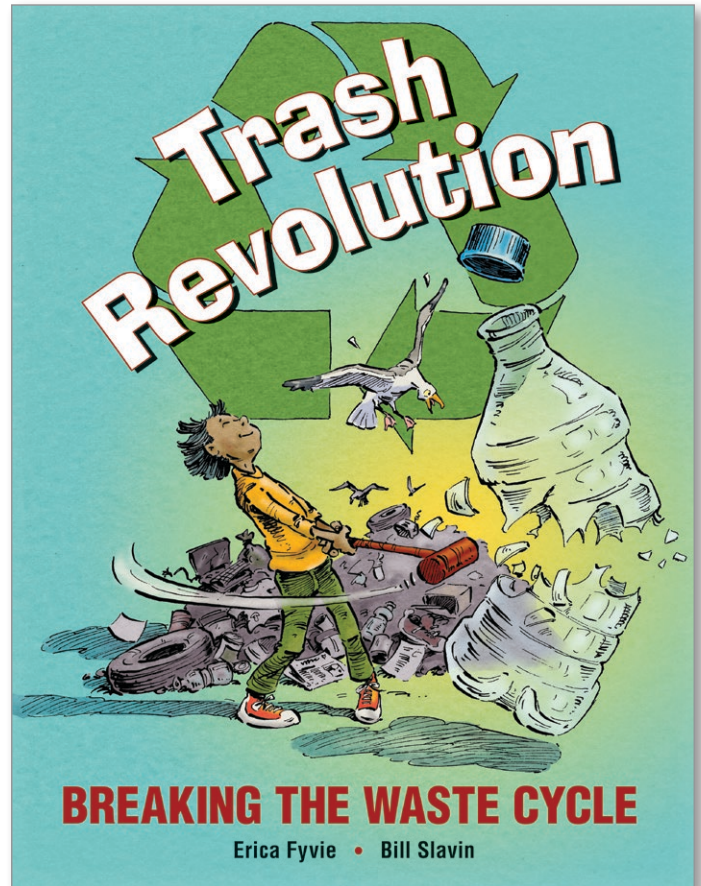
… and more!

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QUESTIONS

1. What makes it difficult to change our shopping habits?
2. Imagine an archaeologist finding a landfill 250 years from now. What might they think about us from what they find?
3. Some people think that our trash is more "honest" than the stuff we keep. What do you think that means?
4. Do you think your stuff reflects who you are? Why or why not?
5. Have you done an environmentally aware thing that you're proud of?
6. What would change if garbage and recycling pickup ended?
7. Which trash journey in the book were you most surprised by (water waste, food waste, clothing waste, paper waste, plastic waste, metal waste, e-waste or space waste)?
8. If you could invent something to minimize one kind of garbage, which kind would you choose? Why?
9. How much do you think the garbage that your classroom creates in a week weighs?
10. "One person's trash is another person's treasure." Can you think of an example from your own life in which this is true?

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