Thomas Dambo

TROLLS

Save the humans

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THE TROLLS ARE HERE TO SAVE THE HUMANS!

Self-Guided Activity • Teacher Guide

Thomas Dambo's trolls have a message for us: humans need nature.

To care for the natural world, we first need to spend time in it, notice its wonders, and understand why it matters. Hidden throughout the Zoo, all six trolls have a story to share. Use the map to find them and explore how art, sustainability, and conservation connect us to nature.



MISSION:

Find all six trolls, uncover their messages, and discover one way you can help humans live in better balance with the natural world.

Guiding question:

What do the trolls want humans to notice, understand, or do to help care for the natural world?

TROLL/THEME	PROMPTS	SUGGESTED ACTIVITY
RONJA REDEYE Speak up & take action	• What symbol would you put on your flag if you were an activist? • What message does this troll want us to hear? • What can you, your family, or school do to help nature?	• Design an activist flag. • Write an acrostic poem using a word from nature and an action you can take. • Use this troll as a final reflection stop.
KAMMA CAN Reuse, recycle & remake	• What is the necklace made of? • What would you create with the same material? • What do you throw away that could become something else?	• Find discarded materials at school and make something new. • Start a second-hand give-away at school. • Make art from reclaimed bottles, cardboard, etc.
SOFUS LOTUS Slow down & listen	• Stand or sit quietly for one minute. • Listen for three different sounds. • Identify one sound made by a living thing. How do you feel after a quiet moment outdoors?	• Keep a class nature journal of things students notice outdoors. • Be quiet while watching Zoo animals. Which animals make sounds? Does sound help them survive?
IBBI PIP Make space for wildlife	• Why notice birds to connect with nature? (Birds are everywhere.) • How can we make habitats safe for birds?	• Use the Merlin app to listen to and learn about birds at school. • Make a bird-friendly window. • Track winter bird behaviour and the clues they leave behind.
ROSA SUNFINGER Plants support people & wildlife	• What animals do you see near your home? • What plants do they like or need? • How do native plants help animals in winter?	• Draw or list how native plants help animals: berries for birds, seeds for squirrels, etc. • Use iNaturalist app to identify plants • Use the Trees of Manitoba Field Guide to learn how to identity trees.
BASSE BULLER Art can inspire change	• What details catch your eye? • What outdoor activity helps you feel calm and focused? • What might Basse paint to encourage us to do better for the Earth?	• Find elements of art in nature: textures, shapes, colours and sounds. • Sketch or start a nature journal. • Create art with natural found objects: a portrait, fairy house, pattern or shelter.

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