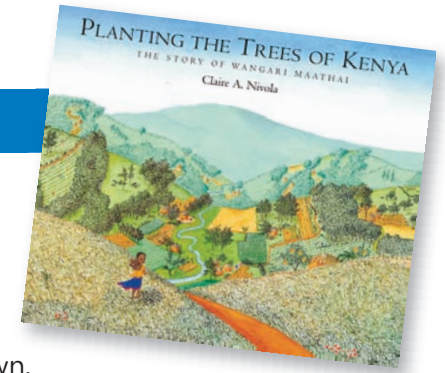


# Planting the Trees of Kenya

## The Story of Wangari Maathai



### RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

#### THINK-TAC-TOE ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- ◆ Individual students can choose an activity to complete.
- ◆ Educators can assign an activity for an individual, pairs or groups.
- ◆ Student pairs or cooperative groups can work together on a choice of their own.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TREES, PLEASE</b></p> <p>As the people of Kenya learned, trees are <i>important!</i> What do trees do for us every day? Using the book and your own research, make a brochure, poster or PowerPoint explaining why trees are so important for the planet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science/Informative Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIND YOUR FOOTPRINT</b></p> <p>Find out your family's ecological <i>footprint</i>, which measures how much land and water you use each year. With a parent or guardian's help, go to <a href="http://www.myfootprint.org">www.myfootprint.org</a> and find your family's footprint. How big is it? Think of 5-10 ways to make it smaller. (Website is available in Spanish, Chinese, Russian and French.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science/Math</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE POWER OF ONE</b></p> <p>Wangari made a huge difference in the world even though she was just one person. Can you think of any other people who have changed the world like Wangari? Choose one and make a children's book of your own to tell the story of that person's life. Be sure your book has lots of colorful pictures!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Word Smart/Art Smart Social Studies</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PEACE OUT</b></p> <p>Wangari Maathai won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. Research to find out who else has won a Nobel Peace Prize. Pick one winner and make a chart or graphic organizer comparing that person with Wangari. What traits do they have in common that helped them make such a difference in the world?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Social Studies</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEAR DIARY</b></p> <p>Wangari was put in jail for trying to save her country. Pretend you are Wangari. Write a journal entry for your first night in jail. What's it like? Are you scared? Angry? Are the other prisoners nice? Do you wish you'd stayed in America?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Word Smart/Creative Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GO WEST, YOUNG PEOPLE!</b></p> <p>Some of the most famous trees in the world are the giant redwood, or sequoia, trees in California. What makes these trees so special? Make a colorful tourism brochure to encourage people to come see them. Include information about their location, height, age and other fun facts. Be sure to include pictures and a map!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science/Geography</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOLDLY GOING</b></p> <p>There's only one Earth, and when it's gone, it's gone. Imagine you live in 2250. We've used up the whole planet! You and your crew are on a spaceship searching for a new place for humans to live. Write a story or draw a comic about your journey. Do you find a new planet? What's it like? Are there aliens living there?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science/Creative Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DON'T PAVE PARADISE!</b></p> <p>Oh no! The giant company PollutoCorp wants to tear down your favorite park or forest to build a parking lot! Write a letter to the editor explaining why PollutoCorp should leave your trees alone. Include reasons and concrete details to support your argument.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science/Persuasive Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TAIGA, TAIGA</b></p> <p>Many people think the Amazon Rainforest is the largest forest in the world. Actually, it's the Taiga Forest. Make a graphic organizer comparing the two. Include information on size, location, climate, tree type and kinds of animals that live in each forest. What percent of Earth's woodlands does each forest represent?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Science/Geography/Math</i></p>

