

## Social Studies Study Guide for “Our Relationship to Our Environment”

North Carolina Social Studies Competency Goal 6: The learner will analyze how people depend on the physical environment and use natural resources to meet basic needs.

1. A resource that may be used up one day is a non-renewable resource.
2. When you utilize resources wisely, you are practicing conservation.
3. When you use less of a resource, you reduce your use of it.
4. A resource that can be replaced in a human lifetime is a renewable resource.
5. A harmful material in the environment is pollution.
6. A resource that you can use again and again is a reusable resource.
7. Water is a reusable resource.
8. A bicycle can cut down on air pollution.
9. A water treatment plant is used to clean polluted water.
10. Trees are conserved when you recycle paper.
11. Name 3 ways that you can help to conserve Earth’s resources.

For example, turn off the faucet when you brush your teeth. Recycle paper, cans, and glass. Turn off the light when you leave the room to conserve energy. Utilize cloth bags when shopping to reduce use of plastic bags which will not decompose.