

Building a Zero-Waste Future

| Student Name: Class: Date: |
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| Part 1: Understanding Our Resource Challenge |
| Initial Investigation Before we begin our zero-waste journey, let's assess our current understanding and habits. 1. What do you think "zero-waste" means? Explain in your own words. |
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| List three items you or your family threw away today. Could any of these have been reused or recycled? |
| 3. Draw and label a diagram showing where you think your household waste goes after it leaves your home. |

Resource Detective Activity

24-Hour Waste Audit

Track all waste produced in your home for one day using this table:

| Item | Category | Could it be avoided? | Alternative solution |
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Part 2: The 3Rs Revolution

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Challenge For each R, identify three actions you can take at home: Reduce: Reuse: Recycle: **Creative Solutions Challenge** Design a new way to reuse a common household item that usually gets thrown away: 1. Item chosen: ______ 2. Draw your design below: 3. Explain how it works:

| 4. What problem does it solve? | |
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| Resource Sharing Initiative | |
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| Community Sharing Project | |
| Design a resource-sharing program for your school or neighborhood: | |
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| ☐ Identify resources that could be shared | |
| □ Create rules for sharing | |
| □ Design a tracking system | |
| □ Plan how to maintain shared items | |
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| Outline your sharing program plan: | |
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Part 3: Taking Action

Personal Zero-Waste Action Plan

| Set your zero-waste goals: | |
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| This week, I will: | |
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| This month, I will: | |
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| This year, I will: | |
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Progress Tracking Chart

| Action | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| Refused single-use plastics | | | | | | | |
| Used reusable containers | | | | | | | |
| Composted food waste | | | | | | | |

Family Engagement

| Share Your Learning | |
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| Create a presentation for your family about what you've learned: | |
| □ Include key facts about waste | |
| □ Share your waste audit results | |
| □ Present your action plan | |
| □ Propose family changes | |
| Write your presentation outline: | |
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