

## Make 'n Take

**Name of Make 'n Take:** Thank You Mother Earth

**Theme & Topic:** The Lifestyles of the First Nations People Before and After the Arrival of the Newcomers – Mother Earth

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**Grades:** Grade 1 and 2

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### Materials:

Grade One OTC treaty resource guide  
Kruger, Leanne Flett. *Taking Care of Mother Earth*.

### Procedure:

1. Familiarize yourself with the ideas and information in the Grade One Treaty Resource Guide Numbers 4 and 5 on page 28.
2. Read: *Taking Care of Mother Earth* by Leanne Flett Kruger and other books like *Giving Thanks* by Chief Jake Swamp and *Giving Thanks* by Jonathan London
3. Discuss and brainstorm on chart paper how we can thank Mother Earth
4. Use the Circle of Life Booklet in the Grade One Treaty Resource Guide Appendices and go to page 14 to sing the song “Thank You Mother Earth”
5. Read the poem “The Creator Gave his Children” on pages 14 and 15 of the Circle booklet.
6. Have the students write their own ways of taking care of Mother Earth. Have them write the title: Taking Care of Mother Earth and try to come up with something for each letter e.g.

M –

O –

T –

H –

E –

R –

E –

A –

R-

T-

H-

7. Have the students do some artwork to go with the writing. You may want to refer to this as Giving Thanks Art Work. Have the students paint grass, water, and sky in different shades of blue, green, yellow/orange as the background of their painting. You may need guidelines for some students.
8. Once the paint is dry, have students make trees, plants, animals, the sun etc... on the colored page. These can be made out of construction paper and can be 3-D (i.e. curls on trees, a yellow button for the sun, etc...).
9. Give students a teacher made stencil of people giving thanks. Trace on to paper and glue on different craft materials to add hair and other details as they wish...like beads, wools, sequins, yarn).