**Speak for the Forests**

Subject: Social Sciences

Grade Level: Middle School (7-8th grade)

Time: 60 minutes

Objective: Students will identify the pros and cons of deforestation. Students will present their point of view in a persuasive speech to the class.

**Introduction (15 minutes):**

- Begin the lesson by asking students to share what they know about *deforestation*.
- Present a brief overview of deforestation using NASA Data
- Discuss causes and effects of deforestation

**Activity: (15 minutes):**

- Divide the class into small groups and have students come to an agreement for or against deforestation. Students will need to give 3-4 reasons to support their viewpoint. Each student will have a role.

**Group Presentations (25 minutes):**

- Each group presents their arguments, supported by evidence and reasoning for/against deforestation.
- Encourage students to actively listen to their peers and to ask clarifying questions if needed.

**Conclusion (5 minutes):**

- Lead a brief reflection discussion, asking students to share their thoughts on the debate experience and any new insights they gained.
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