

Activity One - Animal Quotes

Divide your class into groups of four or five students and hand each group one quote about animals to discuss. Then, have students write down a brief statement on whether they agree or disagree with the quote. They must say why they agree or disagree. Then, have the groups each read their quote and responses one at a time.

"If any vegans came over for dinner, I could whip them up a salad, then explain my philosophy on being a carnivore: If God had not intended for us to eat animals, how come He made them out of meat?"

Sarah Palin/Vice Presidential candidate

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Mahatma Gandhi/Hindu Leader

"And God said, let man have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

Genesis 1:26-28

"I ask people why they have deer heads on their walls. They always say because it's such a beautiful animal. There you go. I think my mother is attractive, but I have photographs of her."

Ellen DeGeneres /comedian

"I have from an early age abjured the use of meat, and the time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men."

Leonardo da Vinci/Artist and inventor

"If God hadn't wanted us to eat animals, he wouldn't have made them so darn *tasty!*"

Stephen Colbert/talk show host

"If slaughterhouses had glass walls, the whole world would be vegetarian."

Linda McCartney/photographer, animal activist

Activity Two/The Lorax and You!

Have the students watch all the clips from *The Lorax*. After they have viewed the clips, have them each take a piece of paper and on one side make a list of how they are similar to the Lorax, who wants to save the trees, and on the other side, make a list of how they are like the Once-ler, who cut down the trees. It might help to think of the word "careful" when writing up these lists. (e.g., How am I careful with nature, How am I not careful with nature...")