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My Neighborhood, My Community

6-Part SERIES

- **People In The City**
- **Nature In The City**

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- **People In The Country**
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Nature In The Suburbs



6-Part Series for **kids**

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

INTRODUCTION TO SERIES

Planet Earth is home to billions and billions of people, each one a very different person. But there is one thing we all have in common, almost everybody is part of a community and most of us live in a neighborhood.

This important cross-subject series for young children is aligned to the curriculum and fosters an understanding of what life is like in different types of communities and neighborhoods whether city, suburb or country. Each of the 6 programs features a young narrator who interestingly shares what daily life is like in the neighborhood for people, plants & animals. Each chaptered program includes important concepts of community, diversity, life, resources, and transportation, each carefully focused for early understanding.

As a complementary device with each program, an instructional guide suggests exercises to enhance the learning for teachers, parents and young learners. These interactive exercises will reinforce and further develop a students level of comprehension.

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(6-part series)

Welcome To:

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- People In The Suburbs
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- People In The Country
- Nature In The Country

Chaptered DVD, MPEG or VHS

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Comprehension Questions

- How might nature in the suburbs differ from nature in a country or city neighborhood? What animals would be different? What plants?
- Why is it so important to have nature as part of the suburban neighborhood?
- How do suburban neighborhoods attempt to improve the quality of life for all members (people, plants, & animals) of the community?
- What plants or animals found in a suburban community might surprise you?

NATURE IN THE SUBURBS

Come along as an 11-year-old Hallie takes young learners on a fascinating tour of her suburban neighborhood to show them how nature (plants, animals, and even the weather) are an important and special part of her community. She'll share with other youngsters how plants and animals have learned to adapt in her suburban neighborhood.

Featuring Cross-Curriculum Chapters:

- Neighborhoods & Communities: An Introduction.
- How nature changed as the country developed.
- How important weather can be to the natural life of plants & animals.
- How plants and natural areas survive and improve suburban life.
- How many different animals live in the suburbs.

Now You Know: We have learned what it's like in a suburban neighborhood where nature is importantly maintained. We know that some plants and animals must be cared for by people in the suburbs while others have adapted to the suburban environment and can care for themselves. We also know that weather is a very important part of the natural life in the suburbs. Now that we know, we can appreciate that a suburban neighborhood can be a special place for plants and animals too.

Assessment of Prior Knowledge:

Have you ever visited the suburbs? What animals did you see? Did any of them surprise you?

How might plants and animals in a suburban neighborhood differ from your neighborhood? How might they be the same? How might they differ from animals and plants in the country and city

Discussion Questions:

What was the area like for plants and animals before the first settlers arrived in the country ?

What types of animals are you likely to find in the suburbs?

What does it mean when plants and animals adapt to their neighborhood & community?

Different types of weather can be important in the suburbs, why?

Follow Up Activities:

Consider a local map and ask students to find locations that might be considered suburban, by using the map legends or other visual techniques.

Consider a trip to a suburban community, if possible, to explore the natural world of plants and animals.

Use the internet or other sources to learn fascinating facts about the natural world in the suburbs.

VOCABULARY (Key Words)

Community - a large group of people who live in the same area and may share similar interests.

Neighborhood - a group of people who live very close to one another. Usually in a smaller area.

Suburbs - an area surrounding the city where people live and work.

Adapting - People, animals and plants learning to adjust to a change in life or environment.

Environment - a combination of physical, social and cultural conditions that affect and influence the life of people, animals and plants.

Greenspace - designated land that is kept or maintained in a natural state.