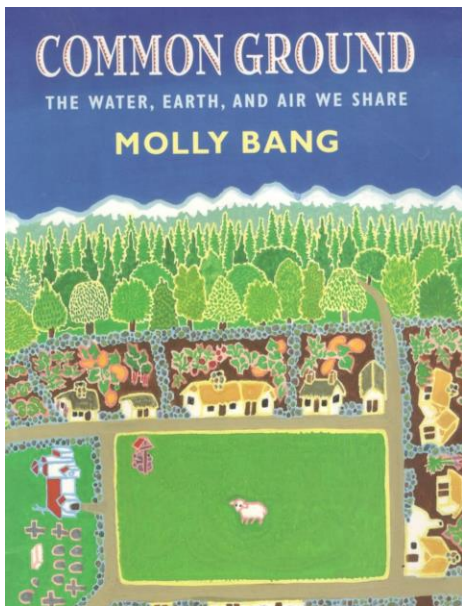


Discussion Guide for Families



Common Ground: The Water, Earth, and Air We Share

Author: Molly Bang

Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: Imagine a village in which there are too many people consuming shared resources and discusses the challenge of handling our world's environment safely.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child “Why is it important to take care of our planet’s natural resources, and how do we use them in our daily lives?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why do you think the author starts the story with the story of sheep grazing?
- What does the story tell us that each person can do to help share water, air, and other natural resources? What about businesses and farms?
- How is our planet described throughout the story? Can you give examples from the text or illustrations?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Can you make a chart showing individual and group choices that affect the planet? Include natural resources used by individuals, businesses, and farms, and list ways they can be preserved or recycled.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF’s [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.