

# There's an Owl in the Shower

By Jean Craighead George

Students use the book *There's an Owl in the Shower* to research and write about old growth forests and the logging industry. Students will write a persuasive essay, taking one side of the issue.

**GRADES: 3, 4, 5, AND 6      READING LEVEL: GRADES 3-5      INTEREST LEVEL: 4 – 8**  
**SUBJECTS: ELA AND SCIENCE**

**THEMES:**

**Animals and Plants**

**HOLIDAYS:**

**Earth Day ( April 22, 2020 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) <https://www.nwf.org/nationalwildlifeweek>  
and Wildlife Week (April 6 through April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020) <https://www.nwf.org/nationalwildlifeweek>**

## Objectives

- Students will gather facts on old growth forests and the logging industry from reading *There's an Owl in the Shower* by Jean Craighead George.
- Students will gather facts about the Spotted Owl in the Pacific Northwest.
- Students will write a persuasive (opinion, expository) essay, taking one side of the issue.
- Students will research Earth Day and Wildlife Week and plan one thing they can do to celebrate these important holidays.

## Enrichment

1. Research issues that impact coastal Louisiana or the Gulf South region. Gather facts from reliable sources that will convince a reader to take action to protect an endangered species or area. Choose a means of sharing this information to be educate the community, business people, or government officials. For example,
  - ❖ Create a blog to share this information.
  - ❖ Write a letter to your elected officials in government.
  - ❖ Write a letter to the CEO or president of a business of how they can help.
  - ❖ Create a plan of how students can help.
  - ❖ Talk to your neighbors and friends about the situation.
  - ❖ Write to your teacher about what a lesson on this issue should include to teach other students about the endangered species or environmental situation you researched.
  - ❖ Plan Earth Day activities to do at your school next year. Write your principal or parent/teacher organization to ask if you can do this activity next year. Gather ideas of how you can fund this.

## Materials

- Books: *There's an Owl in the Shower* or internet access to use free audiobook download

<https://www.slideshare.net/kijidoxow/theres-an-owl-in-the-shower-audiobook-free-theres-an-owl-in-the-shower-free-book-audio-download>

### Enrichment and Research Links

for

#### There's an Owl in the Shower

by Jean Craighead George

### [Author's Jean Craighead George's Official Website](#)

<http://www.jeancraigheadgeorge.com/>

### [Wikipedia: Spotted Owl](#)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spotted\\_owl](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spotted_owl)

### [Nature-Mapping: Spotted Owls](#)

[http://naturemappingfoundation.org/natmap/facts/spotted\\_owl\\_k6.html](http://naturemappingfoundation.org/natmap/facts/spotted_owl_k6.html)

[Canadian Geographic: Spotted Owl Facts](#) <https://www.canadiangeographic.ca/article/animal-facts-spotted-owl>

### [Novels with Animals and Animal Characters](#)

<http://www.suzyred.com/Novels-with-Animal-Characters.html>

### [Google Images: Spotted Owls](#)

<https://www.google.com/search?q=Spotted%2Bowl%2Bfor%2Bkids&biw=1152&bih=769&tbm=isch&tbid=1&source=univ&sa=X&ved=0CDEQsARqFQoTCJD8q5TG48qCFUQ1Jgodef0Jyg&dpr=1>

### [Google Images: Barred Owls](#)

[https://www.google.com/search?q=barred+owl&sxsrf=ALeKk01td98eSkY5ErfU-3DJLCdnuCd5Ww:1584471446878&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjLt\\_2NmKLoAhUIKa0KHVwyBncQ\\_AUoAXoECB8QAw&biw=1600&bih=755](https://www.google.com/search?q=barred+owl&sxsrf=ALeKk01td98eSkY5ErfU-3DJLCdnuCd5Ww:1584471446878&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjLt_2NmKLoAhUIKa0KHVwyBncQ_AUoAXoECB8QAw&biw=1600&bih=755)

### [Cornell University All About Birds : Barred Owl](#)

[https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Barred\\_Owl/overview](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Barred_Owl/overview)

### [Cornell University All About Birds : Spotted Owl](#)

[https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Spotted\\_Owl/id](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Spotted_Owl/id)

