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Waste Warriors, by Nikita Teresa Sarkar

- In the story, the characters see their surroundings change over time – have you noticed such changes where you live? Draw a ‘before’ and an ‘after’ image.
- Following are a few activities of the module, Trash to Treasure, which was used in the creation of this piece:

STEP 1: A PRESENT

- Choose a family member that you would like to gift something to.
- Clear out your cupboard/ study table/ kitchen/ room/ garage and make a list of all the trash that comes from there.
- Draw the things you think are trash and can be transformed into treasures.
- Make a list of ideas of what you can make from the waste accumulated and discuss with the mentor/ facilitator.

STEP 2: ME AND MY SURROUNDING

- In pairs, discuss with your peer one problem in your surrounding that effects you and you are worried about.
- Brain storm and figure out ways in which you can help the community by finding solutions to the problem you identified.
- Start with Identifying a practice in your house that recycles waste and think of a way to extend it. (Example: If your household is already using vegetable waste in farming then explore which vegetables make better fertilizers and try composting at home to create natural fertilizers)

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STEP 3: 'Real'-izing Dreams

- Transform the ideas in step 2 into reality by using the resources available around you or at home. (Eg. If the problem you have identified is Covid 19 safety and one of the possible solutions is wearing a mask. Then make 50 masks at home with clothes that are no longer being used).
- Pen down these ideas in any form you like – poems, stories, sketches, posters, photographs, doodles – anything and everything that helps you think about helping your immediate surrounding.
- Create a journal of all your ideas and share with your friends or publish online.
- Make a short 30 second advertisement video of your product to publish along with the journal.

<p>Reflective Questions for Discussion with Learners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What happens to everything we throw away? - Why is trash and plastic a problem? - How is our waste impacting the planet? - What is Recycling and Upcycling? - What does sustainability mean? Is it important?
<p>Note to the educator</p>	<p>As the facilitator,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - assign types of pollution to each pair so that they have a problem statement to which they can apply their creative solutions. - In step 1, keep talking to each child individually to guide them through what is the best possibility of creating a treasure from the trash that they have collected. - At each step, it is important to check the graphic journal to create enquiries and also reflect upon the work.

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