

## **CHALLENGE: GREENER**

Create a list of all of the things water brings you. From your favorite pair of jeans to happy plants in your home, water impacts your life in ways you may not have thought about before.

Read this article describing some of the valuable roles water plays in our lives. Reflect and briefly answer the following:

- What surprised you about your relationship with water?
- How can you be more mindful and appreciative of water going forward?

Now ask 2-3 family members or friends to think about these questions as well.

Next, make a list of all of your interactions with water. Create a graphic of your choice (art piece, drawing, photo collage, infographic or otherwise) to depict your relationship with water. Be creative! Upload on Instagram with an informative caption, and invite others around you to do the same! Tag @TurningGreenOrg in both the image and caption, and include #PGC2021.

### **List of all the things water brings me:**

- Coffee
- Clean Clothes
- Variety of plants
- Schools supplies
- Food
- Showers
- Driving/Car

**Article Questions:** What surprised me most about my relationship with water was how closely connected to my daily life. There are countless aspects of my life that somehow relate to water such as energy, buying shoes, or even eating an apple. I want to be more mindful and appreciative of water going forward. This can be done by eating food that comes from a lower trophic because they take less energy and water to make. I can start walking to certain destinations instead of driving to reduce the amount of gasoline I'm using and as a result the amount of water being used to make that gasoline. I've asked a couple of family members these questions and they seem to agree with me, and are also willing to learn more about reducing their water footprint.

## Instagram Post (Picture/Caption)

# WATER IS YOUR BEST FRIEND

How to have a great relationship with water

## SHORT SHOWERS FOR SURE

One aspect of my relationship with water comes from the amount of water used during my showers. For others it can create a bad relationship when taking long showers or constant baths.



## ENERGY TO WATER

Did you know that 4% of US energy is used for transporting, treating, and pumping water? (Value of Water Campaign) I am constantly using energy to power my car, phone, computer, and even to heat my coffee in the mornings. Being aware of that usage can improve your relationship with water, as it did mine.

## COMMUNITY LEARNING TO CONSERVE

My relationship with water wouldn't be where it is today if it weren't for constant advice from peers, teachers, and my parents. I've learned to be cautious of the water I'm using and to be thankful for it. It is a goal of mine to implement these goals to my community.



## DRIVEN BY WATER

When we drive cars, we always consider the amount of gasoline that is being consumed. But when there's gas there's water. Learning to be efficient when it comes to driving is one the reasons my water footprint is low. We have to learn if it is necessary to drive or if it's better to simply walk, bike, or run.

*"WATER IS THE DRIVING FORCE OF ALL NATURE."  
— LEONARDO DA VINCI*



**Caption:** Today I had the opportunity to learn about my relationship with water and everything that uses water. It can be something as small as an apple or as big as a car that requires water, whether it is virtual or not. The infographic above can be used to demonstrate how my relationship with water forms part of my daily life. Have you ever thought about your relationship with water? I encourage you to do so and see if there's a way to improve it! @TurningGreenOrg #PGC2021

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