With My Own Two Hands Fall “Green Day” Lesson

Objective: To create a song or poem about being “Green” using appropriate format for the genre

Common Core Standard Connections: RI1.7 RI2.7 RI3.7 RI 3.7 RI 4.7 RI 5.7

Procedures:

1. Opening:
   1. Have your favorite song playing. Explain to students why this song is significant to you. You may want to choose a song with social or emotional significance to you.
   2. OR: Share your favorite poem with the students. Share the reason for significance.
2. Have students think-pair-share their favorite songs, songs that speak to them because of their message
3. Share out a few songs that the students like and reasons why.
4. Distribute the lyrics for the songs the students will be listening to.
5. Have the students listen to the following songs:
   1. Ben Harper: With My Own Two Hands
      1. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJp7Ejaebbo>
   2. Jack Johnson: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
      1. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSM2riAEX4U>
      2. START AT 1:20 on the video.
6. Make a three column chart
   1. Song
   2. Message
   3. Lyrics that support the message
7. Have students see if they can name the message and supporting lyrics
8. Have students write their own poems or lyrics about being green individually or in small groups.