

Picture Yourself a Plant

- Objective:** To show an understanding of plant needs through creative arts.
Time: 30 minutes.
Materials: Paper, colored pencils.

Have the gardeners draw a picture of a plant with personality. Tell them that their plant should look healthy and should include eyes and a smiling mouth to show that it is happy, healthy and strong.

On another sheet of paper, ask the students to illustrate the same plant, only depicting it as getting too little water because of a drought or because someone forgot to water it. On the next page have them illustrate their plant getting no fresh air because of pollution or a forest fire. The next page could show their plant getting too much sunlight or living in a container that is too small. The gardeners could role-play these same situations.

After the pictures are complete, have each gardener name the plant and write a story about it and the problems it has had. After the stories are written, allow volunteers to read them to the group.