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Garden Project

We will begin working on a 'Global Awareness/Sustainability Project'. We will research the pros and cons of various types of gardens and begin to plan our school garden.

Introduction

_____ garden: a garden that contains flowers, herbs, seeds, berries and plants that you can eat.

-Growing even small amounts of fruits or vegetables encourages healthy eating and sustainable lifestyles, while also protecting the environment.

_____ garden: a garden that uses native plants, including trees, shrubs, and grasses which are _____ to the geographic area of the garden.

-Native plants are adapted to the local climate and soil conditions where they naturally occur. These important plant species provide nectar, pollen, and seeds that serve as food for native butterflies, insects, birds and other animals.

-Both types of gardens have pros and cons. You will now research the pros and cons of each garden and decide which type of garden you want to start.

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Research

Edible Gardens	
Pros	Cons
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

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Do you think edible gardens are beneficial? Support your answer.

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Native Gardens	
Pros	Cons
1.	2.
2.	2.
3.	3.

Name: _____
Class Period: _____

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Do you think native gardens are beneficial? Support your answer.

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Based on your Internet Research, which type of garden (edible or native) would you like to start at our school site? Please provide at least 2 evidence-based reasons to support your decision.

Download 2 pictures of a native garden and 2 pictures of an edible garden.

Internet/Website Resources

- **[The Gottlieb Native Garden](#)**
- **[Pros and Cons of growing your own fruits and vegetables](#)**
- **https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/Native_Plant_Materials/Native_Gardening/index.shtml**
- **[California Native Plant Society](#)**
- **[Why Native Plants Matter](#)**
- **<http://homesbymorningstar.com/pros-and-cons-of-native-plant-gardens/>**