



Innovator Learning Activities

Innovate to protect the Belize coral reefs and wider world

23. A UNESCO World Heritage Site (part one)

Requirements:

Innovator team: in pairs and as a class

Curriculum: Citizenship

Time: 20 minutes

When we really value something, we want to protect it. Answer these questions in pairs:

- What one thing would you consider valuable to you?
- Why is this valuable to you?
- How would you feel if this thing was broken, lost, or stolen?
- What do you do to protect this thing?
- What else could you do to protect this thing?



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Watch the **'World Heritage explained'** video and answer these questions in pairs:

- Why should we protect these places of natural and/ or cultural significance?
- What are the threats to places of natural and/ or cultural significance?
- What is good about a place being designated at UNESCO World Heritage Site?

Discuss these questions as a class.

The most significant feature of the 1972 World Heritage Convention is that it links nature conservation and the preservation of cultural properties. The Convention recognises the way in which people interact with nature, and the need to preserve the balance between the two. Once a place is designated a World Heritage Site, communities need to work together to maintain this status.