


JUNKLANDIA – Teacher Resource Kit

A guide to help you and your students prepare for **JUNKLANDIA**, a high-energy, eco-conscious performance by **Junkyard Beats**!

 **Key Themes:** Sustainability | Creativity | Rhythm | Upcycling



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PRE-VISIT ACTIVITIES

Get your students excited before the show! These activities introduce key themes in a fun and engaging way.

1. Junkyard Rhythms – Body Percussion & Found Sounds

JUNKLANDIA transforms everyday objects into music! Let's explore how rhythm can be created using body percussion and found sounds.

♦ **Try this:**

- Watch the [Junkyard Beats Body Percussion Tutorial \(Starts at 6:45\)](#) and follow along.
- Experiment with sounds: clapping, stomping, snapping, chest beats, and tapping.
- Challenge students to create a short rhythm using only their bodies.

♦ **Next step:**

- **Found Sound Orchestra** – Give students objects (plastic bottles, bins, bags, sticks, etc.) and create a class rhythm piece.
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2. Make Your Own Recycled Instrument

Let's turn trash into treasure!

♦ **Watch & Create:**

- [How to make a Balloon-Drum-Shaker](#)
- [How to Make Music with Spoons](#)
- [DIY Junk Saxophone – Balloon Bassoon](#)

♦ **Activity:**

- Have students bring in clean recyclable materials from home.
 - Guide them in making instruments (e.g., bottle shakers, tin can drums).
 - Discuss which materials work best for different sounds.
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3. Creative Writing: A World Made of Junk!

Imagine a future where Earth has run out of natural resources, and people must survive using only recycled junk.

◆ **Writing Prompt:**

- How would your characters build their homes?
- What do they wear?
- How do they travel?
- What problems do they face?
- What cool inventions do they create using junk?

◆ **Alternative:**

- Younger students can **draw a comic strip** instead of writing a story.
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4. Recycling Relay – Fast-Paced Sorting Game

An active way to get students thinking about recycling!

◆ **Set up:**

- Divide students into two teams.
- Give each team a bag of mixed recycling and waste.
- Place a **yellow bin** (for recycling) and a **red bin** (for general waste) on the other side of the room.

◆ **How to play:**

- One student at a time races to place an item in the correct bin.
- The next student goes when the previous one returns.
- The first team to correctly sort all items **wins!**

◆ **Follow-up:**

- Discuss **why certain items can/can't be recycled.**
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POST-VISIT ACTIVITIES

Reflect, create, and take learning further!

1. Play the Room – Junkyard Beats Style

Everything around you can be an instrument!

♦ **Try this:**

- Give students **drumsticks or pencils**.
- Let them explore different sounds in the classroom (desks, bins, books, chairs).
- **Discuss:** Why do different objects make different sounds?

♦ **Watch for Inspiration:**

- [Junkyard Beats Playing the Room](#)
 - [Junkyard Beats - MUSICAL GARDEN](#)
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2. Research: The Future of Sustainability

Encourage students to explore innovative sustainable materials.

♦ **Topics to research:**

- Mushroom-based packaging
- Hempcrete (a building material made from hemp)
- Biodegradable plastics
- Bamboo fiber fabric
- Seaweed-based plastic alternatives

♦ **Presentation:**

- Students can create a **poster, PowerPoint, or short speech** about their findings.

♦ **Discuss:**

- Why are these materials better for the environment?
- What challenges exist in using them widely?

Resources:

- **Sustainable Materials in Design (ABC Education)** (*Find & insert direct link*)
 - [Waste-Free Future](#)
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3. Junkyard Performance Challenge

Can students create their own **JUNKLANDIA-inspired routine**?

♦ **Challenge:**

- Work in small groups.
- Use **body percussion, recycled instruments, and movement** to tell a story **without words**.
- Think about the rhythm and flow – how can you express emotions and ideas through sound and movement?

♦ **Performance:**

- Groups perform for the class!

Need inspiration?

- [Junkyard Beats Live Performance](#)

 **MORE RESOURCES & LINKS**

- ♦ [Junkyard Beats YouTube Channel](#) – Performances, tutorials & behind-the-scenes.
- ♦ [Junkyard Beats Instagram](#) – Follow for updates & inspiration.
- ♦ [Australian Recycling Guidelines](#) – Learn more about recycling in Australia.

 **FINAL THOUGHTS**

JUNKLANDIA is more than just a show—it's an invitation to **think differently about waste, rhythm, and creativity**. We hope these activities help your students engage with the themes of the performance in a **fun, hands-on way!**

Questions or feedback? We'd love to hear from you! 

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