Journey 2050

Lesson 3: Water

Self-Guided Experience

Use the steps below to navigate through the Journey 2050 Self-Guided Experience.

Begin the <u>Journey 2050 Lesson 3: Water | Self-Guided Experience</u> video. You will hear a brief introduction to this lesson.



- Watch NASA's Show Me the Water video.
 - 1- How much of Earth's water is in the ocean?



- 2- What percentage of freshwater use goes to agricultural irrigation?
- Watch the <u>Journey 2050: Water</u> video.
 - 1- How is water used in agriculture?



- 2- What methods do farmers use to irrigate their crops?
- 3- What best practices can be implemented to use water more efficiently in agriculture?
- Continue the <u>Journey 2050 Lesson 3: Water | Self-Guided Experience</u> video. ("Step 4" chapter marker)
 - 1-What do farmers need to grow a crop?

Play Level 3 of the Journey 2050 Sustainability Farming Game. The game can be downloaded to devices from Google Play or the App Store. It can also be <u>played online</u> using Chrome, Safari or Firefox.



- Finish the <u>Journey 2050 Lesson 3: Water | Self-Guided Experience</u> video. Then, answer the questions below and review the key points. ("Step 6" chapter marker)
 - 1- What were your limiting factors?
 - 2- Did you find it difficult to have enough water for your crops? How did weather impact your crops?
 - 3- What ripple effects did you notice from your investments?

Key Points:

- Water is a natural resource critical to agriculture.
- Although the majority of the Earth is made up of water, only a small fraction is actually usable.
- Farmers improve their water efficiency by using water conservation practices and technologies such as irrigation (with moisture sensors), conservation tillage and riparian areas.
- Some regions of the world face greater threats to their water supply than others.

Additional Activities:

- Watch What is a Watershed? and Why Should You Care About Our Watersheds?
- Brainstorm ways you can conserve and protect water.
- Find a map of your local watershed and learn where water flows from and to in your area.
- Research which countries have the least and the most available freshwater. Discover what
 factors impact water availability and daily water use. Use the <u>FAO website</u> for resources.

