

Exploring Alternative Energy



Classroom Discussion



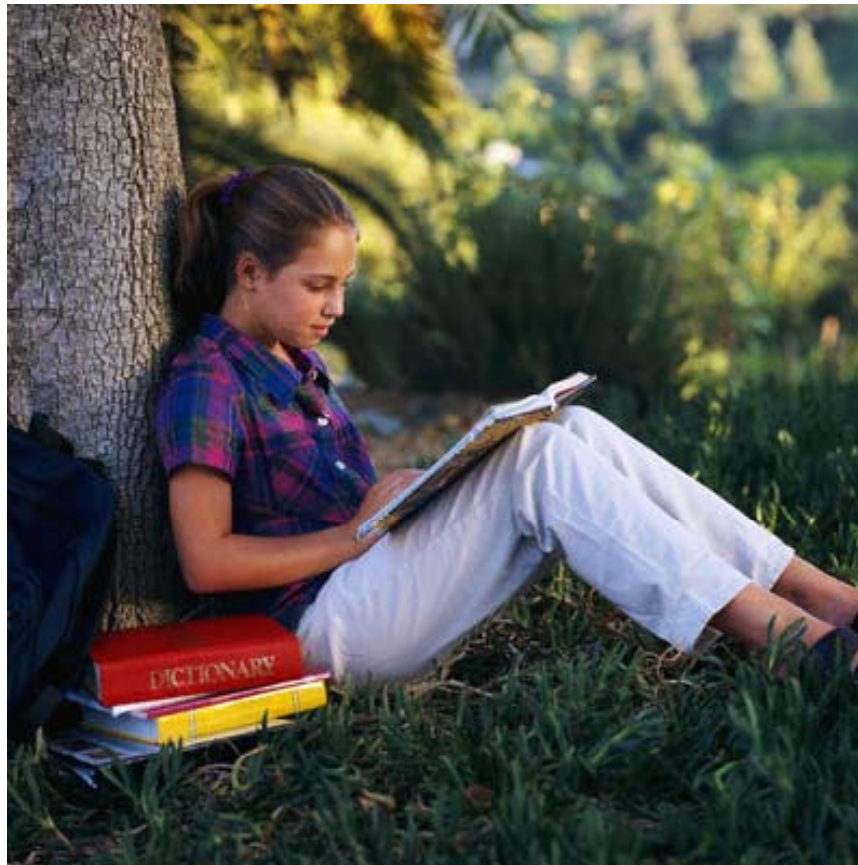
The price of gasoline reached record high prices in 2008.

Home heating costs are projected to rise 50% this winter!



How would you feel?

- About going to school 4 days a week but, adding three weeks in the summer?



How would you feel?

- About going to school 4 days a week but, staying at school an extra 1-2 hours a day?



How would you feel?

- Having fewer bus routes, so the you have to get up 1 hour earlier to get to school on time?



How would you feel?

- Having the classroom heated to only 60 or 65 degrees?



How would you feel?

- Having no more field trips or extracurricular activities because of the high cost of transportation?



High Gas Prices Could Mean Cold Classrooms and Canceled Trips

School districts are considering dramatic steps such as four-day weeks, colder classrooms and fewer field trips to deal with high energy costs this winter.

Read the hand-out article from NewsHour

How are you affected?

- Take home the worksheet and ask the questions to your parents.
- How have they made changes to deal with rising energy costs?