**Guiding questions: Climate Change and Biodiversity**

**Before looking at the resources…**

* *Discuss the following questions as a group:*
  + What is biodiversity?
  + What are some of the benefits of biodiversity?
  + How are you affected by biodiversity?

**As an introduction, read through “Climate Change and Biodiversity”**

**While reading the Introduction…**

* *Make note of:*
  + Two things you found especially interesting
  + Human impacts on biodiversity

**After reading the Introduction...**

* *Consider the following questions as a group:*
  + Have your answers to the first three questions you discussed changed? How?
  + Do the current trends of decreased biodiversity affect you? Will they affect you if trends continue as they are?
  + Can you brainstorm ways to promote maintaining biodiversity?

**Next, go over “Biodiversity and the Society of Superlatives”**

*\*The highlighted portions are the most helpful*

**After going through the article…**

* Professor Suàrez notes several interesting nuances in the societal perception of biodiversity. One of them is the effect of using species richness as the primary indicator of an ecosystem’s importance. ***How does using only one indicator affect global efforts to maintain biodiversity?***