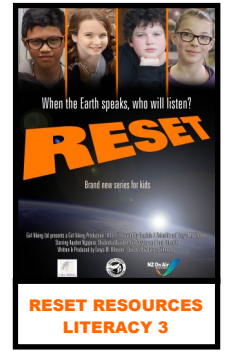


CROP CIRCLES & ORANGE OOZE ON RESET:

Watch the second Webisode of RESET, 'While the Land Weeps'. You will notice that a couple of weird things happen around the school. Puddles of orange goo start to appear everywhere, and Xander, Pearl and Lydia investigate them. While they try to work out what the orange puddles are, Justin draws giant crop circles all over the courtyard of the school. We don't know why he does this yet, but it seems to be linked to the lady who appears in the light at the end of the second webisode.



IDEAS FOR ORANGE GOO ACTIVITIES:

Your class might want to make some orange ooze of their own, the way we did on our film set. (Recipe below). It is non-toxic but it does smell and it does stain so be careful when you make it or touch it. Shizandra Bowden plays Lydia and when she filmed her puddle scenes she ended up with an orange hand for days afterwards!

Perhaps groups from your class could re-enact some scenes from RESET, or perhaps they could make their own puddle scenes. They could film themselves examining it, looking at the goo, and talking about it as if they were kids from other kiwi schools experiencing the same issues as Xander, Lydia and Pearl.

Send in your short video clips to resetwebseries@gmail.com and we will try to add a montage of schools with goo to a future web episode of RESET to demonstrate that the Orange Ooze is spreading everywhere. You could see yourselves on screen. You might even take time to plan your scene, write a script, and rehearse your acting roles.

ORANGE OOZE RECIPE:

In an old ice cream container, measure in 4 cups of white vinegar (1 litre). Add 2 and a half teaspoons of xanthan gum (this is available at health food stores and is a thickener sometimes used in gluten free foods). Add a few drops of orange food colouring (or a drop of red and a couple of drops of yellow). Add some gold glitter. Stir vigorously for quite a long time (10 to 15 minutes for large batches, but probably 5+ minutes for this small batch) until the mixture thickens. Refrigerate or leave somewhere cool for a few hours to further thicken. Remember food colouring STAINS, so be careful of clothes and skin. Once it is thickened you can make a puddle out of it or you can sprinkle baking soda on the bottom of a container, and pour the slime over the top. As the baking soda and vinegar react, your slime will bubble. This will make it look like our bubbling orange ooze in RESET.

CROP CIRCLES RESEARCH:

In RESET, Justin's chalk markings are meant to represent some planetary maps, but people have been making marker lines in dirt and crops for thousands of years. Find out what you can about crop circles and the Nazca lines. Find out all about them! Why are they so mysterious?

