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Teacher Notes and Activities

A Forest

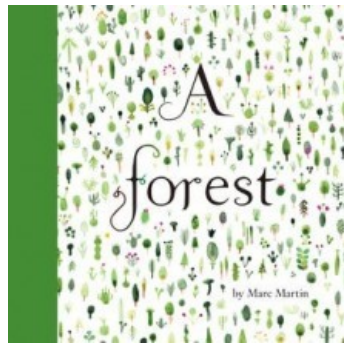
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There once was a forest . . .

So begins this timeless and touching story of renewal from one of Australia's most talented new picture-book creators.



Themes:

- Forests
- Renewal
- Environment

Discussion Points:

- The illustrations in this book tell their own story. Without reading it, and covering up the words, ask the children to tell the story as they see it, from the illustrations alone. Then read it to them.
- How did their story compare to the actual one?
- As a class:
 - Investigate and discuss the need for trees and large plantings of trees in forests.
 - Research how the entire forest industry has changed over the last 100 years. What have been the long term impacts on the environment and also on the industry itself?
- Why do we cut trees down? What do we use them for?
- Is there a better way to get wood than chopping down forests that have been there for thousands of years? Research and explain.
- Make a list of the consequences on our environment and community when trees are lost.
- How did the one last remaining tree turn into a forest?
- What other things in our environment can be renewed?

Activities:

- Create your own illustration of a forest as you see it.
- Using the same technique as the illustrator has in drawing a large number of small objects, draw a similar picture with a different theme, ie: animals, sports, hobbies.
- Choose a particular type of tree and find out all you can about it. For example, where is it native to? What is it used for if it is cut down? What animals call it home? What is being done to make sure it is renewed? Present your findings to the class in the form of a poster, book or a power point presentation.