

Litter at the Top of the World

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Graphic Organizer (before and during reading)

As you read, you will learn of the litter problem caused by hikers and climbers. List each of the habits that contribute to the problem and come up with a set of solutions to make the mountains a cleaner place.

Habits	Solutions

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Multiple Intelligences
Verbal-linguistic, Spatial

Think of an ad campaign to encourage people visiting natural environments to look after them. Design a poster or advertisement for classrooms. Write a jingle for your campaign.

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🔍 Code Breaker

Use the book and a dictionary to write the meanings of these words and build new words.

	Meaning	New words
climb		
clean		
danger		
discover		
form		
freeze		
hike		
altitude		
erupt		
fold		
mountain		
volcano		

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☐ Meaning Maker

Write a list of all the reasons we should look after our environment.

Write a short description of one of the beautiful mountains in the book.

Write a short description of one of the polluted mountains in the book.

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⦿ Text User

Copy the diagram of the ice axe from page 15 of the book. Change the labels to captions to describe how you think each part of the ice axe helps the climber. For example, *Shaft with rubber grip* could become *The rubber grip on the shaft is easy to grip and prevents the axe from slipping out of the climber's hand.*

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● Text Critic

This book is an exposition which highlights the litter problem on some of Earth's mountains. Do you think the author wants you to take any action as a result of reading this book?

1. Did you think that this book would give only the facts about the litter problem? Why or why not?

2. Do you think the author presented only the facts in this book? Explain.

3. Some writers show bias or make their own opinions clear when they present information. Is Bronwyn Tainui showing bias? Scan through this book and look for words and phrases that show bias. Record any evidence.

4. What did the author of this book do to help us to understand the problem?

5. Do you think the message would have been as strong if there were no photos? Explain.

6. Were you aware that there was a litter problem on our mountains before reading this book?

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Exposition (Proposition/Support)

How would the information in this book be different if it were presented in a diary?
Imagine that you are a climber on your way to the summit of Mt Everest. Sketch and
describe what you see along the way in a diary entry.


