

Trees Water and Peace

Part 1: The Man Who Planted Trees

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Start by reading the short story [The Man Who Planted Trees](#) by Jean Giono

Note: The [film adaptation](#) for this story won an Academy Award for the best animated short film in 1987!



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After reading this story, consider the following questions:

- What were the ecological, economic & societal differences observed by the narrator between his first and final visit to this region of Provence?
- Based on the transformation described in the story, how would you explain the relationship between trees, water and peace?

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Part 2. Connection to Real Life: Wangari Maathai

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In 2004, the Nobel Peace Prize was presented to Wangari Maathai.

Read the description of her work [here](#).

- How were her efforts similar in purpose and results to those of Elzeard Bouffier's?
- Why do you think Wangari's work in reforestation was considered for a 'peace' prize?

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Based on this [short presentation](#), summarize Wangari's message for the world.

If you're interested, find out more about Wangari's work [here](#).

