

APPLYING  
**READING**  
STRATEGIES

► Making Connections

**Talk About It**

Is the world here to help you, or are you here to help the world?

# It Takes a Village

Poems and Quotations  
from various sources

## Who Made a Mess?

Poem by Steve Turner

Who made a mess of the planet  
And what's that bad smell in the breeze?  
Who punched a hole in the ozone  
And who took an axe to my trees?

Who sprayed the garden with poison  
While trying to scare off a fly?  
Who streaked the water with oil slicks  
And who let my fish choke and die?

Who tossed that junk in the river  
And who stained the fresh air with fumes?  
Who tore the fields with a digger  
And who blocked my favourite views?

Who's going to tidy up later  
And who's going to find what you've lost?  
Who's going to say that they're sorry  
And who's going to carry the cost?

You have brains in your head.  
You have feet in your shoes.  
You can steer yourself  
Any direction you choose.  
— Dr. Seuss





## Family

Poem by Carl Sandburg


There is only one man in the world  
and his name is All Men.  
There is only one woman in the world  
and her name is All Women.  
There is only one child in the world  
and the child's name is All Children.

A candle loses nothing of its  
light by lighting another candle.  
— James Keller

We cannot live for ourselves alone.  
Our lives are connected by a  
thousand invisible threads, and  
along these sympathetic fibres,  
our actions run as causes and  
return to us as results.  
— Herman Melville

Snowflakes are one of nature's  
most fragile things, but just  
look what they can do when  
they stick together.  
— Verna M. Kelly





Health is number one. You can't have a good offence, a good defence, good education, or anything if you don't have good health.

— Sarah McClendon

## I'd Like to Squeeze

Poem by John Agard

I'd like to squeeze this round world  
into a new shape

I'd like to squeeze this round world  
like a tube of toothpaste

I'd like to squeeze this round world  
fair and square

I'd like to squeeze it and squeeze it  
till everybody had an equal share

### Reflecting

**Making Connections:** Think of the text-to-world connections you made as you read one of these poems or quotations. What conclusions did you draw?

**Metacognition:** Which of these poems or quotations did you connect most strongly to? How did making a strong connection help you understand that selection?

**Critical Thinking:** Choose two of the authors in this selection. What would they say to each other about being a good global citizen? How would those authors answer the question in the Talk About It on page 21?