

Why all the fuss about trees?!

Day 2- Write a poem or short story.

Back in 1853, in California, a giant Sequoia tree, three hundred (300) feet tall was cut down.

It was one thousand, two hundred and forty-four (1,244) years old.

Conservationists were very upset about this.

John Muir visited the stump of the cut down 'Mammoth Tree'.



Gigantic trees are very well established-they take in lots of Carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) and give out lots of Oxygen ( $\text{O}_2$ ).

What a pity?!

Sequoia forests also provide a home for lots of wildlife:

Bears, coyotes, badgers, sheep, deer, beavers, frogs, snakes, foxes.

Each tree is a home to many types of insects and birdlife:

Ants, wasps, moths, butterflies, spiders, scorpions, bats, flying squirrels, deer mice, chipmunks, woodpeckers, owls.

Around about the same time as the 'Mammoth Tree' was cut down in America, this tree was brought to Scotland as a sapling.

Wow, look at the width of it now!

These children are enjoying gently touching and feeling the bark.



It feels just like polystyrene!

Now, we'd like you to imagine you were one of the creatures living on or close to the Mammoth Tree.

Who are you?

You are enjoying a normal day- describe it.

What are you doing?

The men arrive and start chopping down the tree-it takes 3 weeks!

What are you thinking?

How are you feeling?

You somehow manage to hide in the sapling tree.

You travel on a ship for about 6 weeks.

You arrive in Scotland.

The tree is planted.

Now is the start of your new life.

Tell us all about it in a poem or story.

Send your poem or story to us.

We will post it on social media.

OR

Perhaps you'd like to film yourself reading it?

Good luck!

Enjoy!