

## Albert Gore

2007

*Our world faces a true emergency.*

Albert Gore was born in 1948 in Washington, D.C. His father was a Congressman from Tennessee. His mother graduated from Vanderbilt Law School.

Gore received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. He taught the world about global warming.

His film “An Inconvenient Truth” won an Oscar. This movie helped us understand **global warming**.

Gore grew up in Washington DC. As a teen he worked on the family farm in Tennessee. He attended Harvard and graduated with honors in government.

Gore was **drafted** into the army. He went to Vietnam. He opposed the war but served anyway.



- Gore was Vice President for President Clinton
- He won an Oscar for his movie “An Inconvenient Truth”
- He helped us understand global warming
- He helped start the Internet

Gore was an army reporter in Vietnam. He came back to Tennessee and worked as a reporter.

He began to study law in 1974. He left two years later to be Tennessee Representative in the US House. He served four years. Then in 1984, he won a Senate seat. He was very active about environmental issues. He also worked for nuclear **disarmament**.

Gore married Mary Elizabeth Aitcheson in 1969. He met her at a school dance in

high school. Mrs. Gore was called “Tipper”. In the White House, she stood up for mental health issues. She talked about her **depression**. She was considered brave for speaking out.

President Bill Clinton chose Gore as his vice-president. They were elected in 1992 and re-elected in 1996. Gore wrote, “Earth in the Balance” when he was vice-president.

In 2000, Gore ran for President. He lost to George W. Bush. Many people felt the votes were not all counted. Some voting machines didn’t seem to work.

Gore continued to work hard in politics. He helped set up the Internet. He gave a speech that criticized President George Bush. It was a speech against the war in Iraq. He didn’t think the government handled the problems from **Hurricane Katrina**. He chartered two planes to help hurricane victims. He taught about **greenhouse emissions**. He thought we needed to work harder on pollution.

In 2007, Gore wrote another book called “The Assault on Reason”. He won the Quill award. He gives many speeches on global warming. He has given the speech 1,000 times. He was given the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for his work on climate change.

## Student Activities

### Warm Up

Gore lost the presidency, but he changed the world forever. Do you believe this? Discuss.

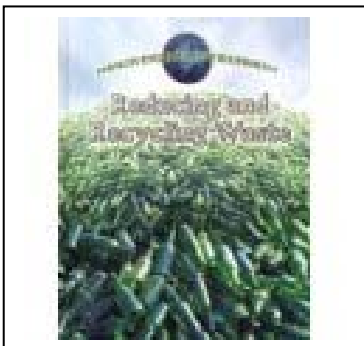
### Vocabulary

1. Drafted
2. Disarmament
3. Global warming
4. Depression
5. Greenhouse emissions
6. Hurricane Katrina

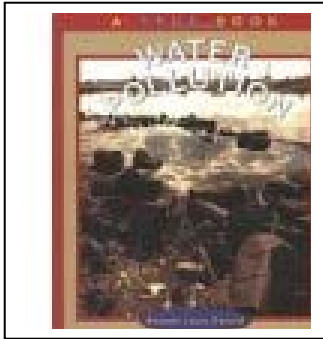
### Suggested Classroom Activities

1. What is global warming? Watch an “An Inconvenient Truth”. Talk about global warming.
2. Using the Internet find out about global warming. Make a poster and show it to the class.
3. Interview your parents about global warming. Do they agree that it is a problem? Ask them what family members could do to help. Report back to the class.

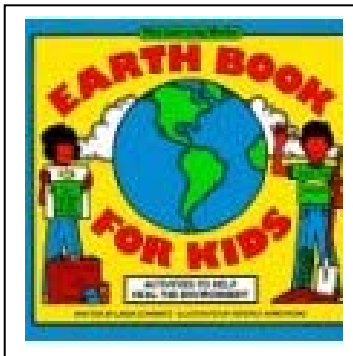
### Reading Together



**Reducing and Recycling Waste by Carol Inskipp**



**Water Pollution by Rhonda Lucas Donald**



**Earth Book For Kids by Linda Schwartz**

### **Study Questions**

Name 3 things that Gore has done that he will be remembered for.

What happened to the election when George Bush ran against Gore?

Explain global warming in your own words.

How did Gore's interest in technology affect your learning in school today?

Would you have given Gore the Nobel Peace Prize? Why or why not?

Can one person make a difference in preventing global warming? What is your opinion? What can we do?

### **Technology Option**

View the movie "An Inconvenient Truth". Pick parts to show your class.

See [www.climatecrisis.net](http://www.climatecrisis.net)

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