Make a book about the environment on Storyjumper

Before you start

- **Choose a clear goal:** What should the book be about? (e.g., "How recycling cuts emissions" or "Ways to save energy at home").

- **Decide roles (group of 4):**
    - Project Leader / Presenter — keeps time, submits the final link, presents story.
    - Writer / Composer — writes the text, captions, speech bubbles.
    - Illustrator / Designer — chooses images, layouts and arranges pages.
    - Editor/Tech — checks spelling, saves the book, creates the share link or PDF.
    - If one student finishes early they can help another role. This also applies if you cannot do your section yet

- **Ask teacher for permissions:** If you need to use external images or accounts, make sure it's allowed and safe.

Time structure

Total time: ca. 120 minutes

1. **15 min:** Read guide, brainstorm & plan (group roles, story idea, quick storyboard). If you don't have any immediate ideas, your teacher has three stories you can choose from.

2. **60 min:** Create book on StoryJumper (draft pages, add images/text)

3. **20 min:** Polish: edit wording, arrange images, check spelling

4. **15 min:** Prepare to share: export or get share link, send to ad115@bergensskolen.com

5. **10 min:** Practice presenting your story to the other students.

Step-by-step: from opening Storyjumper sharing the book

Step 1 — Open Storyjumper

1. In your browser go to: www.storyjumper.com
2. Press "Create your book (free)".
3. Create an account - Important: The Norwegian students must not use their school accounts as this page is blocked on their school users.
4. Input a date of birth. When the site asks you if you are trying to join a class, press "no".
5. Agree to the terms of service (and press no on getting email updates).
6. Press "no" when the site asks you if you want your teacher to see your books.

Step 2 — Start a new book

1. Storyjumper will ask if you want to make a practice book to learn the tool. You can choose to do this if you want to. You will then be shown a tutorial video on how to use the different tools.
2. Press "Home" and "Create a new Book". Pick either a blank template or one of the pre-set ones.
3. Enter a book title (pick a short, strong title about your environmental topic) and author (group name or first names only — do not use full last names).

Step 3 — Create your cover and page number

1. Pick a cover you like and an interior layout (single image per page or text + image).
2. Decide how many pages you want. For 2 hours: aim for cover + 6 interior pages + back (≈8 pages total).

Step 4 — Plan your story

1. Follow a simple story outline:
    a. Beginning: Introduce place/characters + environmental problem.
    b. Middle: What happens? Obstacles or efforts to help.
    c. End: Solution or call to action (what readers can do).

Step 5 — Build Pages

1. For each page: add text boxes for narration or speech bubbles and type your lines. Keep sentences short and clear.
2. Add pictures: use the StoryJumper image library (left side panel) or upload your own JPG/PNG images (photos, drawings).
3. Arrange images and text by dragging. Make sure your text is readable (good contrast, big enough font).

Click Save or check that autosave is on (look at the top left corner and check if it says “saved”).

Step 6 — Add finishing touches

1. Add a short credits page (image sources), and a “What we learned / Call to action” last page.
2. Check spelling and clarity. The Editor reads the whole book aloud to the group.

Step 7 — Preview the book

1. Press “Save and Exit”
2. Press “Read” on the book cover to see how the book looks as a finished story. Fix layout issues (text off the page, cut images).

Step 8 — Share your book

1. Press “Share” next to the image of your finished book.
2. Under the heading “Share with family and friends”, copy the link.
3. Send the link to ad115@bergensskolen.com

Ideas if you finish early

* Add a short quiz about the environmental topic at the end (3 questions).
* Create a “How you can help” one-page poster version of your story to print.
* Make a second language version (translate key pages).
* Design a short trailer: pick 3 pages, export as images, and present them with narration.

Quick student checklist before submitting

* [ ] Title + author (group name or first names only)
* [ ] Cover page + at least 6 interior pages + end/call-to-action
* [ ] Story has a clear environmental message (problem + solution)
* [ ] Images added and arranged, text readable on every page
* [ ] Spelling & grammar checked by Editor
* [ ] Saved and shared link sent to ad115@bergensskolen.com

Troubleshooting (quick fixes)

- Can’t sign in / lost progress: Check if someone else is logged in on the same account — log out and log back in. If work is lost, reopen the browser and try again. Remember to check your save often.
- Images won’t upload:Try JPG or PNG files, keep file sizes small (compress photos on phone or use smaller images).
- Pages look messy: Use Preview to see the final layout; shrink text size or crop images.
- Slow internet / freezing: Save, refresh the page, or switch to a different browser (Chrome/Edge recommended). If it still fails, finish the text in a document and paste into StoryJumper later.
- Multiple people editing the same book: Don’t do this. Assign one driver; teammates can direct.