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### **Earth Day Reading**

**Directions:** Read the short passage about Earth Day and answer the questions.

Earth Day first began on April 22, 1970. It is the world's biggest event that helps the environment. The Earth Day flag is dark blue displaying a photo of Earth taken by NASA. It was designed and created by John McConnell who also helped create the first Earth Day.



A United States Senator named Gaylord Nelson wanted a healthy environment and worked to pass a bill to make April 22nd Earth Day every year. The first Earth Day was celebrated by over 20 million people in the U.S. Now, estimates say that over 180 countries celebrate Earth Day with billions of people joining in.

**1. What two people helped create Earth Day?**

- a. John McDougall and Mr. Nelson
- b. John McConnell and Gaylord Nelson
- c. John McCain and Jim Henson

**2. What does the Earth Day flag look like?**

- a. Dark blue
- b. Light blue
- c. Bright green

**3. What day is Earth Day celebrated on?**

- a. April 22nd
- b. All of April
- c. April 12th