

# Class Starters & Enders

## Making the Most of Instructional Time Five Minute Lessons

Class Starters and Enders help utilize the last minutes of class when a lesson ends but there is not enough time to start another, or for an interest approach at the beginning of class. Mini-lessons correlate to GPS in the programs areas below.

### FFA - Greenhand Degree

Program Areas: Agriculture

Instructions: Read the material and make notes of important points, answer questions, and be ready to discuss this topic.

If you are involved in a local FFA chapter at the high school level and you have basic knowledge of the organization, you can get your first degree without going to college – the **Greenhand Degree**.

The Greenhand Degree is the first in a series of consecutive degrees awarded to high school FFA members to signify the member's accomplishments. This degree is awarded to new FFA members who can recite the FFA **Creed** and who have formed a **Supervised Agricultural Experience** plan. After students earn their Greenhand Degree, they can apply for the Chapter, State, and American Degrees – in that order.

Any FFA member who wishes to continue earning high school degrees must earn the Greenhand Degree to be eligible for the other degrees. Members can earn this award during their first year of high school FFA membership. The Greenhand Degree starts the member in a rewarding and challenging career in the FFA program.

In order to obtain a Greenhand Degree, members must complete a set of requirements. They must be enrolled in an agricultural education class and have plans for an SAE. They must learn and explain the FFA Creed, **Motto**, **Salute**, and **Mission Statement**. They must demonstrate knowledge of the FFA **Code of Ethics** and the proper use of the FFA **jacket**. They must show they know the history of the organization, chapter constitution and bylaws, and the chapter **Program of Activities**.

In addition, students applying for a Greenhand Degree also must have access to the **Official FFA Manual** and the FFA **Student Handbook**. They must submit a written application for the degree online on the FFA website. Individual chapters or state associations have the ability to establish additional requirements for the Greenhand Degree.



#### Review-0.

1. What is the first FFA degree high school students can earn?
2. Who is awarded the Greenhand Degree?
3. When can students apply for the Greenhand Degree?
4. What other three degrees are available to high school FFA members?
5. What does the Greenhand Degree start for new members?
6. Name three things members must be able to learn and explain in order to get the Greenhand Degree.
7. What must members know the history of in order to get the Greenhand Degree?
8. What two books must members have access to in order to get the Greenhand Degree?
9. What does the Greenhand Degree signify?
10. What must members demonstrate knowledge of in order to get the Greenhand Degree?

#### Language Connection

*Define the following terms in relation to the FFA.*

Code of Ethics	Motto
Creed	Official FFA Manual
Greenhand Degree	Program of Activities
Jacket	Salute
Mission Statement	Student Handbook
Supervised Agricultural Experience	