



Fact Sheet

“Adventures of the Idea Seekers: Sarillion’s Climate Crisis”

Can video games affect social change? KidsCom.com is about to find out. Along with scientific advisors from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) at The Earth Institute at Columbia University, KidsCom.com launched “Adventures of the Idea Seekers.” The game, the first of its kind, is a new online learning experience focused on educating children about global climate change and the various issues associated with it.

Idea Seekers

Today, much of the fun on KidsCom.com happens in the Idea Seeker Universe – planets, moons and other exciting places for kids to explore right now with their avatars: digital characters they customize to represent them as they walk through our virtual world.

Kids play in a virtual world on KidsCom.com where real life problems and social issues are simulated. Then they bring the lessons learned into the real world, where they have a better chance of successfully confronting problems and rising to meet challenges.

The Game

“Adventures of the Idea Seekers” is set in the virtual world of KidsCom.com’s Idea Seekers. Issues surrounding global climate change will be presented as a variety of Idea Seeker expeditions that kids must master.

Expeditions & Episodes

In each expedition, players will be presented with an issue facing the Planet Sarillion and will be challenged to complete a specific task, such as:

As you all know, the economy is thriving on the Planet Sarillion. In particular, the city of Kapokville has grown, as more people continue to move to there and a number of new factories have opened. However, I must report to you that the people in Kapokville are noticing a grayish-yellow haze over the city.

The news we have to share with you is not pleasant. We believe the factories and people may be the cause of the haze, but more research is needed to be certain. And, we believe that the Clouds of Chaos, lead by their leader, the Darkness of Dumbness, are involved as well. As a result, we need your help to collect more data that can be analyzed by our scientific community. If you choose to participate in this expedition, you will need to do the following:

- *Click to activate your Expedition Planner – this will hold all of the research you collect along the way.*
- *Go to the Beach and look for a sign about the next step in the expedition.”*

The first episode’s theme is the carbon cycle, while the second episode will be about the Earth’s water supply.



