

I'M FULL OF ENERGY TODAY! THE LIBRARY IS FUN!

LET'S USE OUR RESEARCH TO EXAMINE THE TWO CATAGORIES OF ENERGY SOURCES: RENEWABLE AND NON-RENEWABLE.



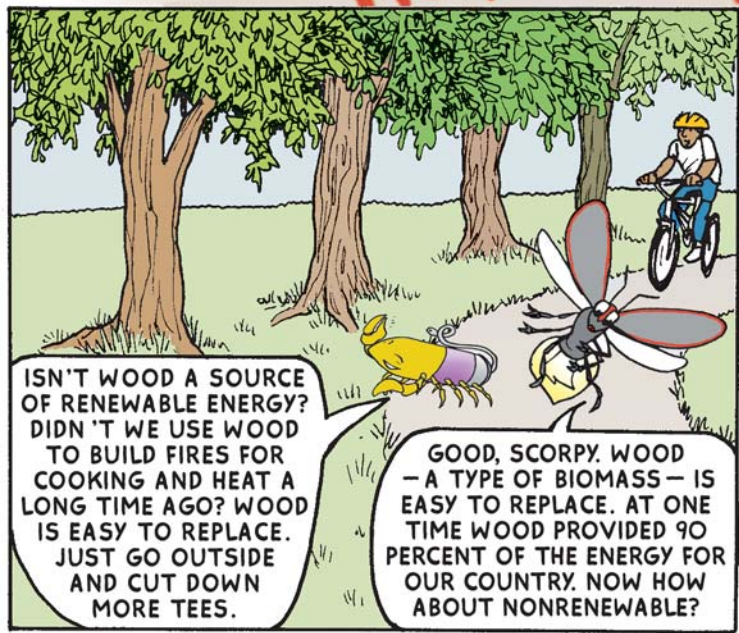
HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?



LOOK AT THE DEFINITIONS!

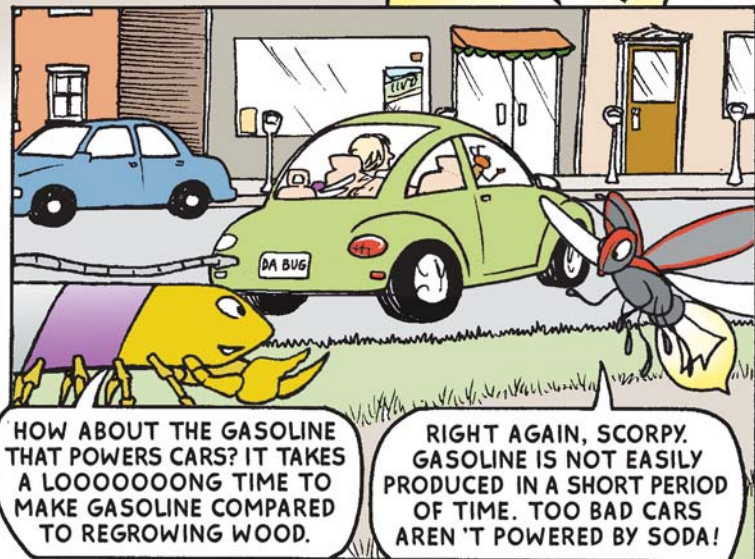
RENEWABLE - EASILY REPLACED
NONRENEWABLE - NOT EASILY REPLACED

CAN YOU THINK OF A SOURCE OF ENERGY THAT IS EASILY REPLACED?



ISN'T WOOD A SOURCE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY? DIDN'T WE USE WOOD TO BUILD FIRES FOR COOKING AND HEAT A LONG TIME AGO? WOOD IS EASY TO REPLACE. JUST GO OUTSIDE AND CUT DOWN MORE TEES.

GOOD, SCORPY. WOOD - A TYPE OF BIOMASS - IS EASY TO REPLACE. AT ONE TIME WOOD PROVIDED 90 PERCENT OF THE ENERGY FOR OUR COUNTRY. NOW HOW ABOUT NONRENEWABLE?



HOW ABOUT THE GASOLINE THAT POWERS CARS? IT TAKES A LOOOOOOONG TIME TO MAKE GASOLINE COMPARED TO REGROWING WOOD.

RIGHT AGAIN, SCORPY. GASOLINE IS NOT EASILY PRODUCED IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. TOO BAD CARS AREN'T POWERED BY SODA!

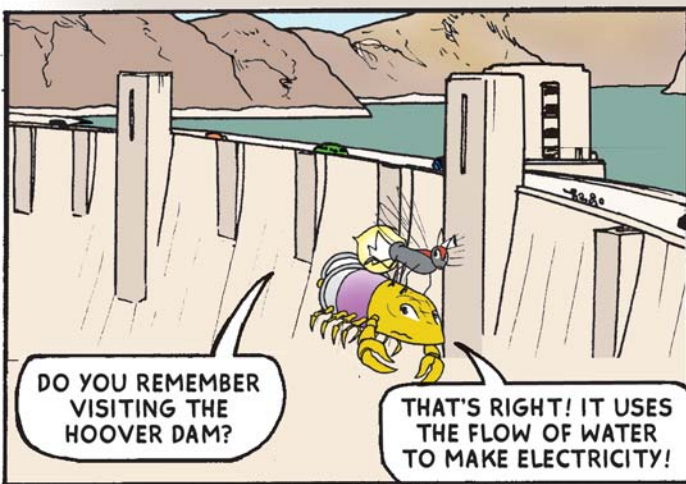
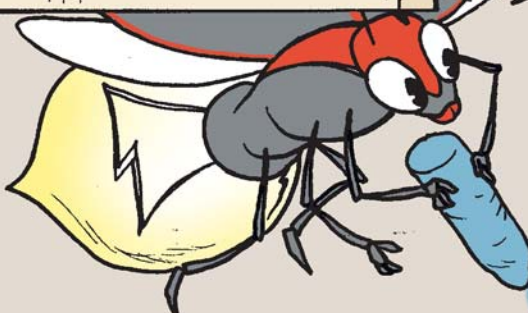
TIME TO RENEW THESE LIBRARY BOOKS ON ENERGY.

GOOD IDEA! WE CAN TALK MORE ABOUT RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY.

YOU MEAN THERE IS MORE THAN WOOD?

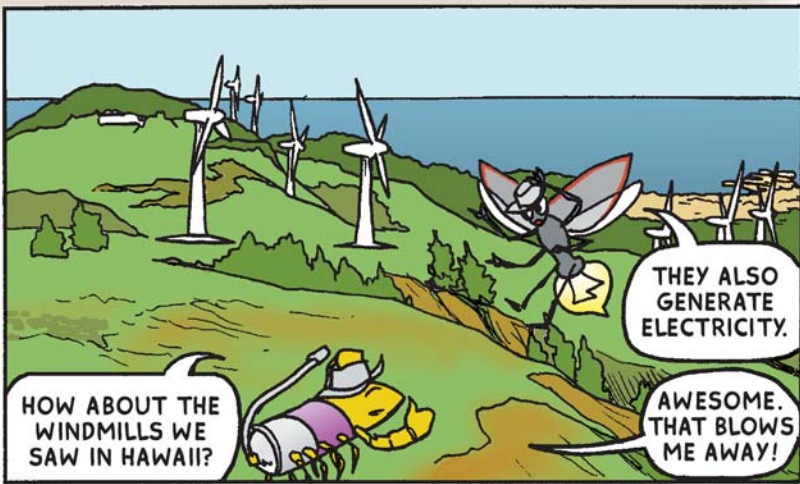
YOU BET, SCORPY. JUST LOOK AT THIS LONG LIST OF RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY THAT CAN BE RECREATED IN A SHORT TIME.

SUN
WIND
WATER
BIOMASS
GEOTHERMAL



DO YOU REMEMBER VISITING THE HOOVER DAM?

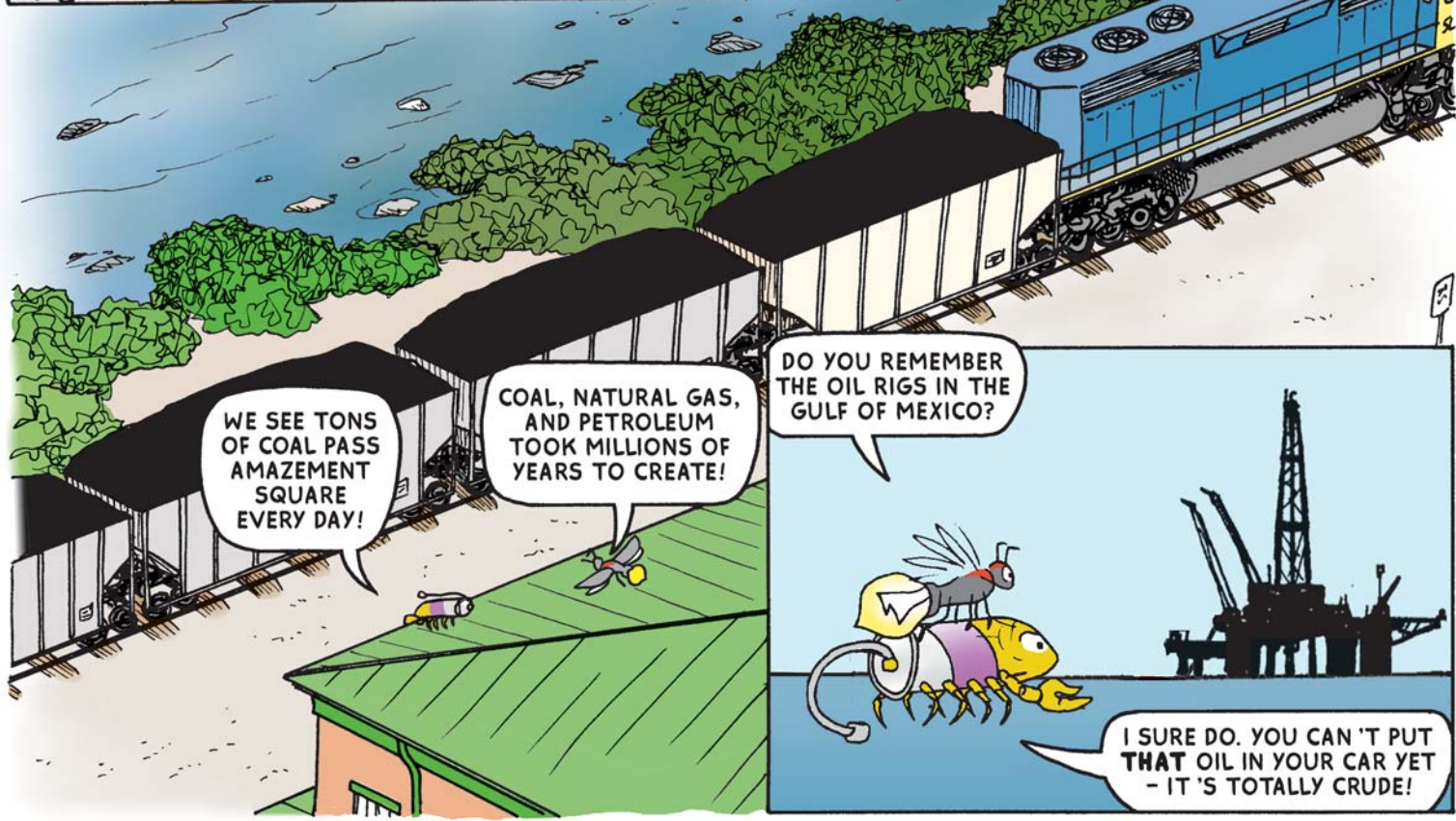
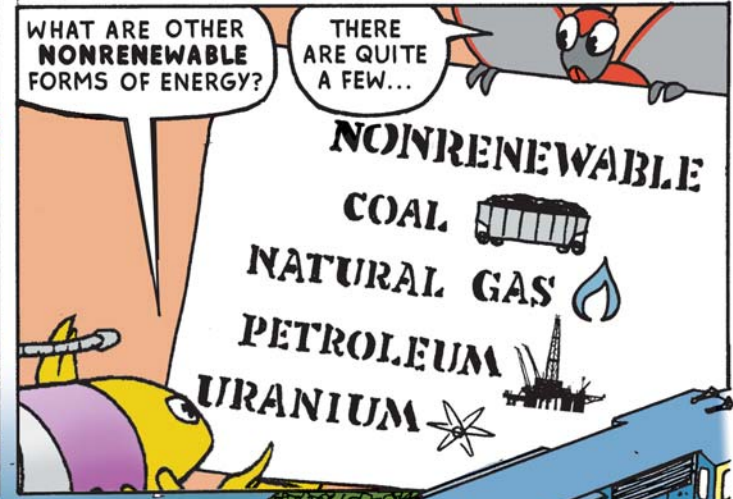
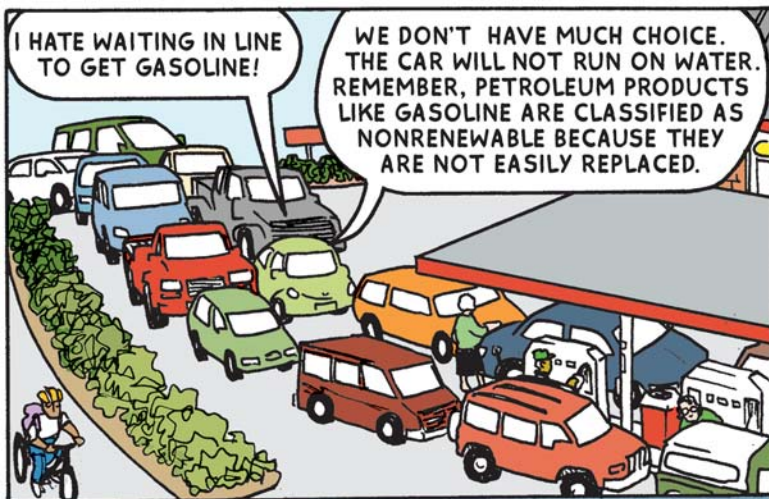
THAT'S RIGHT! IT USES THE FLOW OF WATER TO MAKE ELECTRICITY!



THEY ALSO GENERATE ELECTRICITY.

HOW ABOUT THE WINDMILLS WE SAW IN HAWAII?

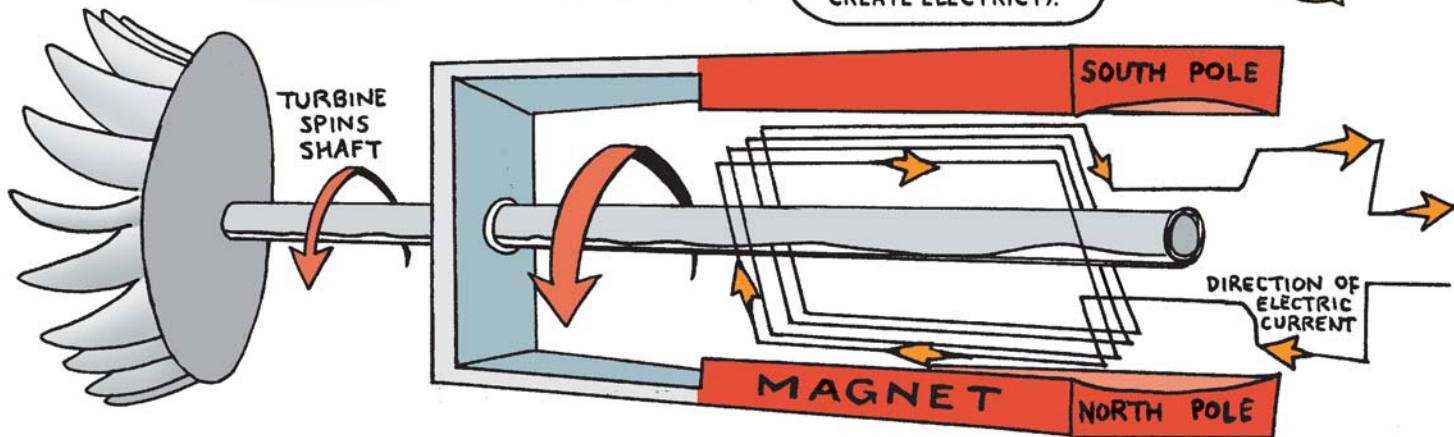
AWESOME. THAT BLOWS ME AWAY!



SO WHERE DOES ELECTRICITY COME FROM?

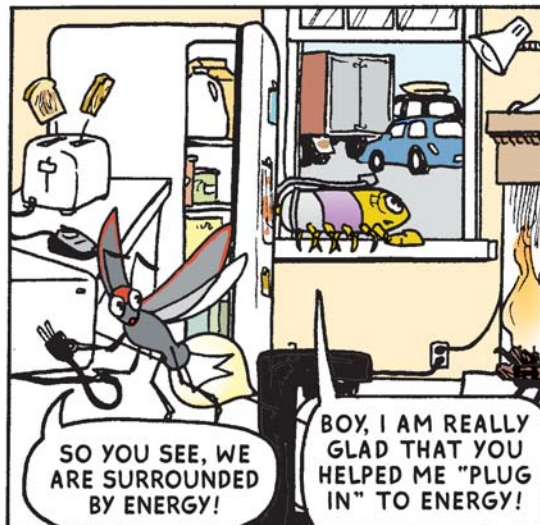
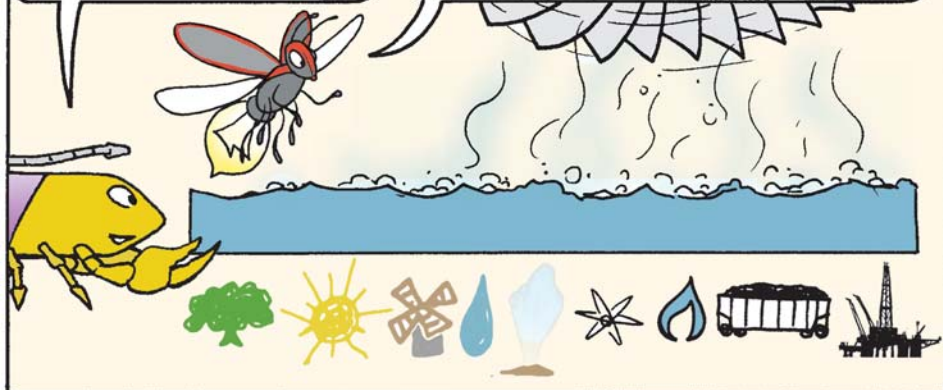
MANY OF THE DIFFERENT PRIMARY SOURCES OF ENERGY WE'VE DISCUSSED (RENEWABLE AND NON-RENEWABLE) ARE USED TO CREATE ELECTRICITY, A SECONDARY SOURCE OF ENERGY.

STEAM, WIND, OR WATER TURNS THE BLADES OF A TURBINE TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY. THE TURBINE SPINS THE SHAFT OF A GENERATOR THAT IS SURROUNDED BY COILS OF WIRE BRUSHING AGAINST MAGNETS THAT CREATE ELECTRICITY.



I SEE HOW WIND AND WATER TURN THE TURBINE, BUT HOW DO THE OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY TURN THE TURBINE?

SOLAR, BIOMASS, GEOTHERMAL, NUCLEAR, COAL, NATURAL GAS, AND PETROLEUM CAN ALL BE USED TO HEAT WATER, CREATING STEAM TO TURN THE TURBINES.



SO YOU SEE, WE ARE SURROUNDED BY ENERGY!

BOY, I AM REALLY GLAD THAT YOU HELPED ME "PLUG IN" TO ENERGY!