

A COMPREHENSIVE FIVE DAY UNIT ON ANIMAL HABITATS!

Includes lesson plans, graphic organizers, craft ideas, projects, comprehension questions and more!



ANIMAL HABITATS LESSON PLAN & 3 Week at a Glance: Day One: Desert Day Two: Tundra Day Three: Ocean Day Four: Rainforest Day Five: Wetlands

LESSON PLAN

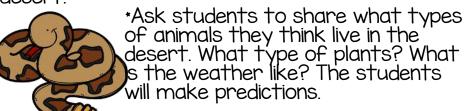
Day One: Desert

Objective: The students will be able to identify animals that live in the desert habitat and describe the habitat's physical characteristics.



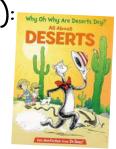
Introduction (10 minutes):

- *Explain to students that this week's unit is all about habitats. Ask students to share what their definition of "habitat" is and if they can think of any examples of habitats.
- *Tell students that there are many different types of habitats that we will learn about this week. Today, we will be learning about the desert.



Lesson (15 minutes):

*The teacher will read "Why Oh Why Are Deserts Dry? All About Deserts" by Dr. Seuss to students. Make sure to ask questions about weather, plants, animals and other physical features of deserts while reading.



- *Teacher will guide students in filling out the information on the "Desert Habitat" graphic organizer. Find information about animals and plants that live in the desert, what the weather is like, physical features of the desert and other interesting facts.
- *Students will then complete the "Vocabulary Match Up" activity sheet in small groups or as a whole group. Match words with the correct definition.

Independent Work (15 minutes)

*The students will use the "Desert Habitat" picture attached below, cut out the animals and glue onto the picture. The students will color when finished glueing the animals on the picture..

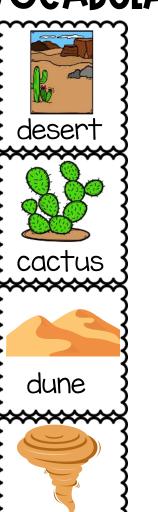
Closing (5 minutes)

*Ask students to share with the class the most interesting fact they learned about deserts.

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DESERT HABITAT

VOCABULARY MATCH UP



sandstorm

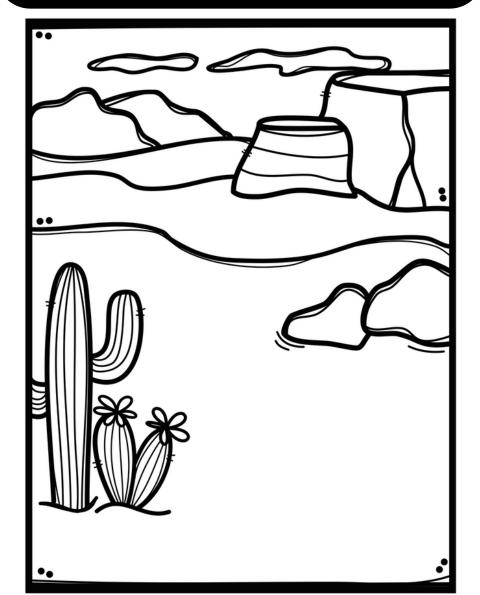
a mound of sand
formed by the wind strong winds carrying clouds of sand

A dry place
that gets
very little
rain
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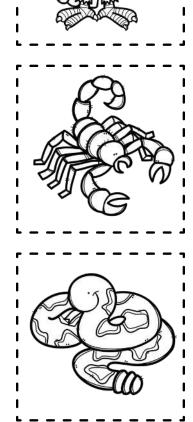
spiky plant that lives in

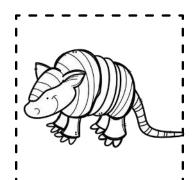
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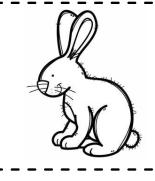
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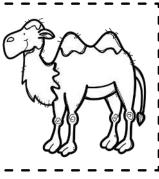


DESERT HABITAT









LESSON PLAN

Day Two: Arctic Tundra

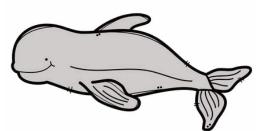
Objective: The students will be able to identify animals that live in the tundra habitat and describe the habitat's physical characteristics.



LESSON PLAN: DAY TWO

Introduction (10 minutes):

- *Tell students that today's lesson will be on the arctic tundra habitat. Ask students to share what physical features you might see in an arctic habitat.
- *Students may share predictions on animals, plants and other important characteristics about the arctic tundra habitat.



*Ask students to share what they would like to learn about the arctic tundra.

Lesson (15 minutes):

- *The students will watch "A Walk in the Arctic for Kids" video – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-9xDztBhzE
- *After the video, discuss what the weather was like in the arctic, animals/plants mentioned and other physical features that they may have noticed.
- *Guide students in filling out the "Arctic Habitat" graphic organizer.

Independent Work/Closing (15 minutes)

- *Students will complete the "Vocabulary Match Up" activity sheet. Go over the answers as a class when completed.
- *Then, students will use the Arctic Tundra habitat sheet and the Arctic Tundra animal sheet attached below. Students will cut out the animals and glue on to the picture, then decorate and color.

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TUNDRA HABITAT

VOCABULARY MATCH UP









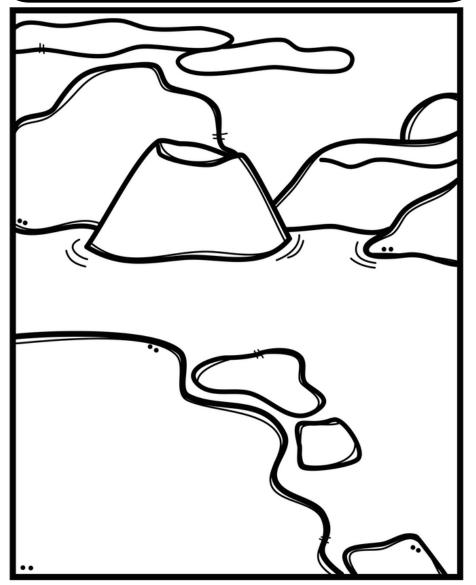
a thick layer of fat that helps animals stay warm

a small
house made
of snow and
ice

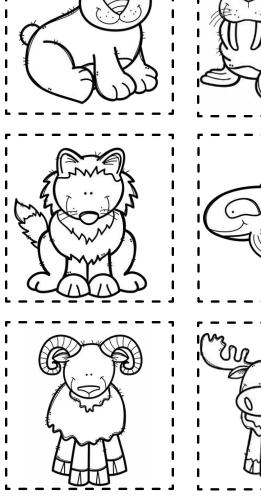
A cold place at the top of the Earth

a large mass of ice that moves slowly

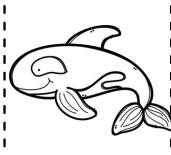
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LESSON PLAN

Day Three: Ocean

Objective: The students will be able to identify animals that live in the ocean habitat and describe the habitat's physical characteristics.



LESSON PLAN: DAY THREE

Introduction (10 minutes):

*Explain that today's lesson will be exploring our ocean habitats. Ask students to share personal connections they have had experiencing the ocean. What did they notice? What animals might they find in the ocean?

*Tell students that the ocean is one of the largest habitats, taking up about 70 percent of the Earth's surface.

Remind students that a habitat is a place where plants and animals live.

Lesson (15 minutes):

- *The teacher will guide students through the book "Ocean" from National Geographic. Kids.
- *The teacher will lead students through filling in information for the ocean habitat on the graphic organizer provided below. Make sure to discuss plants and animals that live in the ocean, what physical features you may see (coral reef, waves, etc.), and any other interesting facts they noticed.

Independent Work (10 minutes)

*Students will complete the "Vocabulary Match Up" activity sheet attached below. Review with students when completed.

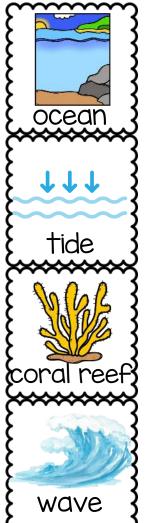
Closing (10 minutes)

*Students will then use the ocean habitat sheet and the ocean habitat animals attached below. Students will cut out the animals and glue on to the picture, then decorate and color.

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OCEAN HABITAT

VOCABULARY MATCH UP



The rise and fall of the ocean each day

A large body of salt water

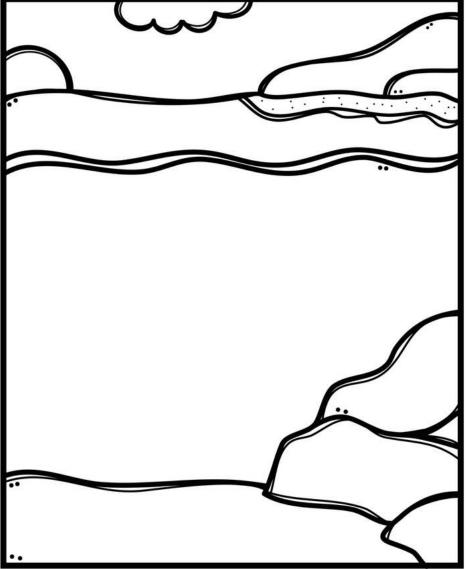
A bump of water that moves across the surface of the ocean

A colorful, underwater

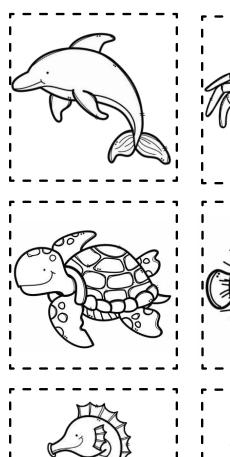
place made of sea animals

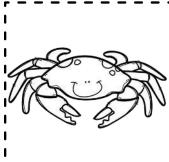
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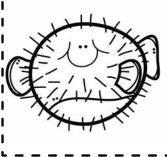
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OCEAN ANIMALS

LESSON PLAN

Day Four: Rainforest

Objective: The students will be able to identify animals that live in the rainforest habitat and describe the habitat's physical characteristics.

LESSON PLAN: DAY FOUR

Introduction (10 minutes):

- *Today, students will be learning about the rainforest habitat. First, ask students to recall information about the habitats learned about so far - ocean, tundra and desert.
- *Then, ask students what they already know about the rainforest. Record information on an anchor chart or white board. Tell students to share what they want to learn about the rainforest and record on the anchor chart.



Lesson (15 minutes):

- *The students will watch the video "Explore the Rainforest!" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMdD6TTDZ_g
- *Discuss with students that rainforest climates are extremely wet and rainy. There are warm and tropical rainforests and also cooler rainforests. Plants and animals may be different in tropical vs. cooler rainforests.
- *Guide students in filling out the "Rainforest Habitat" graphic organizer attached below.
- *In small groups, students will then complete the "Vocabulary Match Up" activity sheet provided. Discuss answers together when

Independent Work (15 minutes)

*Students will then cut out the rainforest animals and glue on to the rainforest picture attached below. Color and decorate.

Closing (5 minutes)

*The teacher will give each student a sticky note. The students will write a question they still have about the rainforest.

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RAINFOREST HABITAT

VOCABULARY MATCH UP



A large rainforest in South America **~~~~~** Thick forests found in wet areas around the world of the

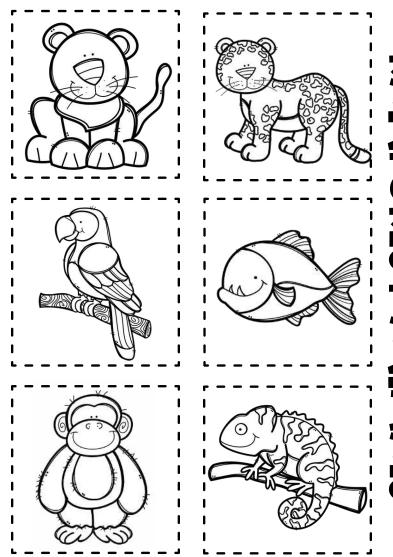
The top part
of the
rainforest
high above
the ground

A warm, wet climate

RAINFOREST HABITAT



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LESSON PLAN

Day Five: Wetlands

Objective: The students will be able to identify animals that live in the wetlands habitat and describe the habitat's physical characteristics.

LESSON PLAN: DAY FOUR

Introduction (10 minutes):

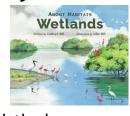
- *Tell students the last type of habitat that they will be learning about are wetlands. Explain that the name "wetlands" gives away a little about the habitat! Two main types of wetlands are swamps and marshes.
- *Ask students to share and predict what types of plants and animals may live in a wetlands habitat. What do you think a wetlands habitat looks like? What do you

think the weather might

be like?

Lesson (15 minutes):

*The teacher will read "About Habitats: Wetlands" by Cathryn Sill. Make sure to discuss what physical features they noticed and what plants and animals they discovered in this habitat.



- *Guide students in filling out the "Wetlands Habitat" graphic organizer.
- *In small groups, students will complete the "Vocabulary Match Up" activity sheet together. Review definitions when completed.

Independent Work (15 minutes)

*Students will then use the "Wetlands Animals" worksheet attached below. Cut out the animals and glue on to the picture. Color and decorate

Closing (5-10 minutes)

*Students will share what their favorite habitat to learn about was and why they enjoyed it.

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WETLANDS HABITAT

VOCABULARY MATCH UP



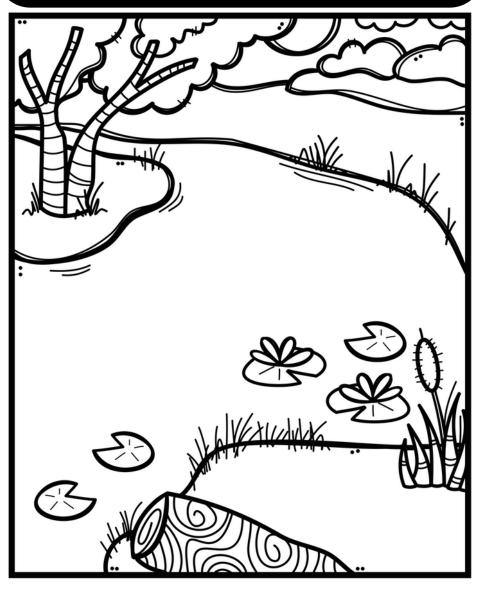
A type of wetlands with shallow water and grasses

A place where land is wet most of the time, like swamps or marshes

> Tall, thin plants that grow in wetlands

A wetland with muddy ground and trees, alligators may live here

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