

The Art of Plants and Animals



Unit Essential Question

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CROSS-CUTTING INTERDISCIPLINARY CONCEPT

Cause and effect

REAL WORLD CONTEXT

This unit will focus on the basic needs of plants and animals. Students will conduct a cause and effect analysis to understand why things happen as they do. This project will help your students understand the effects of various events and actions, so they have a better grasp on the way the world operates.

PROJECT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

PROJECT 1: How can I use my body and voice to communicate the parts of a plant and each part's function?

PROJECT 2: How can we use music to compare and contrast the basic needs of plants and animals? How are food and nutrients different for plants and animals?

PROJECT 3: How can I connect visual arts to my knowledge of plants' basic needs? What components must I include in my painting's subject matter and environment if the plant is thriving?



STANDARDS

| Curriculum Standards | Arts Standards |
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MATERIALS TO BE PURCHASED FOR UNIT

- Tempra variety pack paint •
- White tempra paint •
- Paint brushes
- 9X12 canvases
- Deluxe Rhythm and band set
- Wonder soil class and garden and kit
- Magnifying glasses
- Paint Palettes
- Drum Set



ASSESSMENTS

Summative Assessments

- Pre/ Post Test •
- Project 1 Rubric
- Project 2 Rubric
- Project 3 Rubric

CHARACTER EDUCATION COMPONENTS UNIT

CHARACTER ATTRIBUTES ADDRESSED DURING

The students will collaborate with an older grade to · Responsibility plant a flower garden. They will check on the · Team Work garden regularly in order to maintain healthy plants.

PARTNERING WITH FINE ARTS TEACHERS

Music Teacher:

• Project 2: Help the students with beat, tempo, rhythm, and lyrics.

Visual Arts Teacher:

• Project 3: Conduct a review of the elements of art. Together they will analyze a sketching and painting.

Drama Teacher:

Project 1: Review tableaus and monologues with students. •

APPENDIX

Pre-Test/ Post-Test •

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

SUGGESTED BOOKS:

- The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle •
- The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss •
- From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons

WEBSITES:

- http://atlantabg.org/learn/educator-resources •
- https://www.turtlediary.com/game/stages-of-plant-life-cyle.html •



- http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/growing_plants_fs.shtml http://www.firstschoolyears.com/science/living/interactive/growing-plants.swf •
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VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS:

http://www.alabama360.com/bhambotanical/Tourviewer bhambotanical.html ٠





Starring Parts of a Plant!



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LEARNING TARGETS

"I Can..."

•Examine the parts of a plant and each part's function

•Create a tableau that represents all of the parts of a specific plant

•Communicate the functions of the parts of a plant in the form of a character monologue

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TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

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ASSESSMENTS

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| Teacher will observe the students working in small groups portraying the parts of the plants in their rehearsal. Teacher will check for understanding through questioning and reviewing student written monologues. | Rubric for informative monologue Post test |

MATERIALS



Approx. Duration of Project: 2 days

- Space for movement
- Smartboard for technology
- Paper and pencil
- Books on parts of the plants (Recommended text: *Parts of a Plant* by Bruce Larkin)
- Computers or tablets

Activating Strategy (5-10 min)

• Teacher will conduct a whole group physical warm-up with students. Tell students that students will be physically making body shapes that represent the different parts of a plant. Students can start on a low level by being the <u>root</u>. Then, they can move into creating a high body shape of the <u>stem</u>. Then they will become the <u>leaf</u> and finally, the <u>flower</u>. The teacher should remind students that the plant parts may not all look exactly the same depending on what kind of plant we are creating.

Main Activity

PROCESS: Parts of a Plant

<u>PART 1: Group Work</u> Present the Gallery Walk: Plants Around the World (SEE DOWNLOADS) to students analyzing various plants. The students will see different types of plants beyond the flower. They should recognize that while all plants look very different, they all have the same basic parts.

- Place students into small groups of four and direct them to build a tableau of one of the plants we observed during the Gallery Walk. Whether the teacher pre-assigns specific plants to groups or allows the students to choose, is at the teacher's discretion.
- Before small groups begin working, review the definition of tableau. A tableau is a frozen
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 make sound. Each student in the small group should become a different part of their plant.
 Together, the group should become a tableau of the plant as a whole. Each student embodies
 a different plant part. The teacher should point out how different the tableaus look from one
 another other.

PART 2: Research

- Next, the teacher will review the function of each part of the plant through a flipchart.
- Within each group, students will be given the opportunity to research one part of the plant. They will be responsible for learning about that function of that part. The students should use resources such as books and computers to find out why their assigned part is important. The teacher can also choose to model the research process using a graphic organizer and conducting research whole group.

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REFLECTION

Reflection Questions

- Why is it important that all the parts are included in a plant?
- What would happen if a plant didn't have roots?
- What would happen if a plant didn't have the stem, or leaf?
- What is something new that you learned from your research?
- If we did this activity again, what would you do differently?

DIFFERENTIATION

BELOW GRADE LEVEL: Whole group research, work with partners to complete graphic organizers, include word bank on graphic organizer. Utilize sentence starters for monologue. Include a visual word wall in the room for students to reference.

ABOVE GRADE LEVEL: Conduct solo research, and create monologue based on independent research.

EL Students: (ELP=English Language Proficiency)

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Band Time with Animals & Plants



Project Essential Questions

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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LEARNING TARGETS

"I Can..."

- Compose a song with my peers
- Create lyrics for a song with my peers
- Explain the needs of plants and animals

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• How are food and nutrients different for plants and animals?

STANDARDS

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KEY VOCABULARY

| Content Vocabulary: | Arts Vocabulary |
|---|--|
| air water light nutrients food shelter | cymbal maracas tambourine bells drum rhythm |



| | tempo pattern beat verses chorus |
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TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

- GarageBand App
- Imovie App

ASSESSMENTS

| Formative | Summative |
|--|--|
| • Teacher will observe the students working in small groups composing and practicing their songs. | Project 2 Rubric (SEE DOWNLOADS) |
| Teacher will check for understanding through questioning and reviewing student- written songs. | |

MATERIALS

| Deluxe Rhythm Band Sets Ipad (Optional) Garageband (Optional) Imovie (Optional) | |
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| Chart paper | |

Activating Strategy (5-10 min)

- Teacher will lead students in completing a word map on an anchor chart and discussing the basic needs of plants and animals.
- Teacher will introduce the students to the Deluxe Rhythm Band Set or the GarageBand App. (Classroom teachers, consider connecting with your Music Specialist in your building for support in this part of the project.)

Main Activity



Part 1:

Facilitate a whole group discussion of the importance of each need (air, water, nutrients, light, food, and shelter). Explain to students that they will work in groups to create a song/rap/chant explaining the basic needs of plants and animals. Teacher will explain the parts of a song (verse and chorus). The song should have two verses and a chorus. One verse should explain the needs of a plant and one verse should explain the needs of an animal. The chorus should capture the main idea or which needs are shared by both animals **and** plants. Use the **Song-Making Template Sheet** (SEE DOWNLOADS) for this part of the pactivity.

Part 2: Each group should compose a beat to use with the lyrics of the song.

Part 3: Students will perform the song for the class.

Part 4: Optional: Students can create a music video performing the Animal and Plant song.

<u>Classroom Tips:</u> Students should be grouped according to strength. For example, students with strong content knowledge should be in each group to create the lyrics to the song. Students that are comfortable creating beats and patterns

REFLECTION

Reflection Questions

- What was your favorite part about this project? Why?
- If you could do this project again, what would you do differently? Why?
- How did music help you understand and remember the needs of plants and animals?

DIFFERENTIATION

Below Grade-Level/EL Students:

- Provide copies of word map to students who need a word bank for the needs of plants and animals.
- Provide sentence stems as writing prompt for writing the lyrics to the song.
- Allow students to work with partners for positive peer modeling of language, writing, and work expectations.

Above Grade Level:

- Students should use synonyms for words such as nutrients, food, shelter, etc. in the lyrics.
- Challenge Advanced students to include a rhyme scheme within the lyrics of their song.

EL Students:

- Preview the key vocabulary with pictures listed beside each word on an anchor chart, word wall, or flashcards.
- When discussing the basic needs of plants and animals:
- **ELP 1-2** Repeat phrases about plant needs listed by peers (e.g. Plants need water.) while teacher points to a picture of plant needs.

ELP 3-4 State plant needs while providing details (e.g. Plants need water because...).

• When writing the song, group students heterogeneously based on English proficiency. Students with lower levels of English proficiency will benefit from their peers modeling the language.



APPENDIX

- Song-Making Template Sheet
- Rubric for this project

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| I wrote lyrics that accurately described the basic needs of plants and animals. I used all of my science vocabulary words in the lyrics. | | | |
| I demonstrated how melody and/ or beat could be used as we sung our lyrics clearly. During the performance we kept the musicality of the song strong from start to finish. | | | |
| My song had two verses, one for animals and one for plants with a chorus that was repeated 2 times. | | | |
| I worked well with my group. I took turns listening and speaking when brainstorming and rehearsing together. | | | |

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| My song had two verses, one for animals and one for plants with a chorus that was repeated 2 times. | | | |
| I worked well with my group. I took turns listening and speaking when brainstorming and rehearsing together. | | | |

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O'Keeffe Inspired Plant Painting



Project Essential Questions

How can we use music to compare and contrast the basic needs of plants and animals? How are food and nutrients different for plants and animals?

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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- I can create a painting of a thriving plant inspired by the style of Georgia O'Keeffe

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Units provide differentiated ideas and activities aligned to a sampling of standards. The units do not necessarily imply mastery of standards, but are intended to inspire and equip educators.

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ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How can I connect visual arts to my knowledge of plants' basic needs?
- What components must I include in my painting's subject matter and environment if the plant is thriving?

STANDARDS

| Curriculum Standards | Arts Standards |
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| SILI. Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information about the basic needs of plants and animals. A. Develop models to identify the parts of a plant – root, stem, leaf, and flower C. Design a solution to ensure that a plant or animal has all of its needs met. | VA1PR.2 Understands and applies media, techniques, and processes of two-dimensional works of art (drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed- media) using tools and materials in a safe and appropriate manner to develop skills. c. Creates paintings with a variety of media (e.g., acrylic, tempera, watercolor). |

KEY VOCABULARY

| Content Vocabulary | Arts Vocabulary | | |
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| nutrients, air, water, light, and soil problem, solution stem, flower, root, leaves botanist | sketch, canvas value (lightness or darkness of a color) tint (adding white to make it light) | | |



TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

• Go on a virtual field trip to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico via Google Cultural Institute

https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/georgia-o-keeffe-museum

ASSESSMENTS

| Formative | Summative | | |
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| Class discussion during Gallery Walk Student painting and describing the features of their plant and its environment Students writing about their painting | Student Writing Project 3 Rubric to assess the visual arts project | | |

MATERIALS

- Acrylic paint
- Canvas
- Paint brushes
- Writing worksheet
- Pencils

Activating Strategy (5-10 min)

- View picture of healthy and unhealthy plant.
 - Show students a wilting plant. "What happened to this plant?"
 - Show students a healthy plant. "What happened to this plant?"

• Whole group: Compare the plants using a Venn diagram. "How are they alike?" They both have a stem, flower, leaf, roots, and they are in soil. Contrast the plants, "How are they different?" This plant is healthy and had water, air, nutrients, and light. This plant didn't.

Main Activity

PROCESS:

<u>PART I</u>

• Explain to students, "Today we will be botanist. A botanist is a plant expert! We need to figure out a solution to help meet the needs of this plant so that it can survive. What does a plant need to survive? How can we meet the needs of this plant?" Discuss a



solution to help meet all the needs of this plant.

- Sentence frame: To meet the needs of this plant I will...
- Talk with your partner about what you may write about...
- Complete writing activity on Project 3 Writing Sheet (SEE DOWNLOADS)
- Share student writing with whole group.

<u> PART 2</u>

• Take students thru the <u>Gallery Walk: O'Keeffe Inspired Flower/ Plant Paintings</u> (SEE DOWNLOADS). *To go deeper with your study of O'Keefe you can visit the google cultural institute of her museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico.)

• Students will critique the art pieces in the Gallery Walk, asking questions such as: What plant parts do you see? What colors, lines, shapes do we see in each plant part? Why does this plant look healthy? Did this plant have all of its needs met?

• Begin to sketch our own O'Keeffee inspired plants on canvas. Direct students to be sure to include the stem, leaves, and flowers. Direct students to include the plant's environment.

• After sketches are complete, meet back on the carpet to discuss tints present in the colors they will use for their paintings. Identify colors present in the Gallery images. Look at the color of the flower. Suggested questioning: Are all the petals the same color? No, there are different values. Value is how light or how dark a color is. Adding white to a color makes it lighter and that is called a tint. Demo tints on a piece of paper. Emphasize the addition of a small amount of color to create a tint. Then pass out paint, smocks, canvas, and brushes.

• Return to seats. Let students select the colors for their flowers. Prior to painting, have them create some tints on their palette. Remind them to add a small amount of paint to the white to create tints.

• Begin teacher directed painting on canvas. Paint the flower first. Then add some tints to show value.

• Paint the pot, steam, and leaves. Also, include sunlight in your painting..

<u> PART 3</u>

• After paintings have dried, use sticky notes to label parts of the plant. Label the stem, flower, roots, and leaves. Label the needs. Let students do a gallery walk. Place student artwork, labels, and writing on top of desks and let students walk around and view each other's work.

• Students will then write a story about their plant and why it is able to thrive. Direct students to use all of their science vocabulary in their stories: stem, leaves, roots, flower, sun, water, soil, and nutrients.

<u>Classroom Tips:</u> Teachers may want to consider doing the flower paintings as a center or small group to manage the painting, cleaning, passing of supplies, etc... Also you could partner with the visual arts teacher in your school to make this a partnership where the painting takes place in the art room and the writing takes place in the general classroom.

REFLECTION

Reflection Questions



- How can we compare and contrast our plants?
- What plant parts can we see in our paintings?
- How can we meet the needs of the plant?
- How did we create the plant's environment in our painting?
- What keeps the plant healthy? What makes it unhealthy?

DIFFERENTIATION

BELOW GRADE LEVEL:

- Partner students to provide positive peer models for sentence stem completion and brainstorming ideas from problem solving.
- Utilize dictation options and oral questioning for sentence stems completion.
- Provide word wall or visual vocabulary bank for use with written responses.

ABOVE GRADE LEVEL: Encourage students to design a brochure about the plants part and its basic needs.

EL STUDENTS: EL Students:

- Use sentence starters to assist students in discussing the pictures of the healthy and unhealthy plants. ("This plant is wilting/dying because..." and "This plant is healthy because...")
- Add pictures to the Venn diagram next to the similarities and differences.
- Bring in realia (real plants) in addition to the pictures of healthy and unhealthy plants.
- Pair ELP 1 students with a peer to assist with the writing activity in part 1.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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APPENDIX

- Project 3 Rubric
- Project 3 Writing Sheet
- Gallery Walk: O'Keeffe Inspired Flower/ Plant Paintings

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O'Keeffe- Inspired Plant Paintings

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