

Lesson/Activity Length: 60 Minutes

Activity: Creating A Map of Africa highlighting the Desert, Savannah, and Rainforest Habitats

Preparation:

Create an outline map of Africa and the island of Madagascar

Materials: Copies of Map Outline, Markers/Colored Pencils/Crayons, Scissors, Various colors of construction paper

Lesson Objectives:

1. Students will be able to identify the desert, savannah, and rainforest habitats of Africa.
2. Students will be able to name and place animals in their proper habitat.
3. Students will be able to discuss the difference between tropical and temperate rainforests.

Vocabulary:

Desert, savanna, tropical, temperate, rainforest, grassland, equator, habitat, adaptations, migration,

Introduction and Lesson:

1. Explain that lesson theme for this activity is to look at the different habitats and the animals that live in these areas.
2. Encourage students to think about what these habitats might look like and the animals you would find within each: What types of plants would we see? How much water would you find in each of these areas? What animals might be found in these habitats? Are there special adaptations that help these animals survive in their habitat?
3. Discuss with Campers the various habitats and the challenges animals would need in these areas and the adaptations they have to survive in these environments.
4. (Optional) Show students a power point with pictures of the various African Habitats and animals that are found within.

Activity Procedure:

1. Explain to students that they are going to create their own map of Africa and identify the different habitats using colored pencils, markers, or crayons. Have students chose three colors they wish to use.
2. Provide each student with an outline of the map of Africa and show students using a larger map how they will divide and color their own.
3. Students can then draw and color in the habitats (rainforest, savannah, and desert).
4. After campers have colored in their habitats have them choose one animal to place in each habitat (Please ensure that animals are correctly placed in the correct habitats).