

LESSON: Thinker's Scavenger Hunt

Grade Level: Kindergarten

OBJECTIVES:

Students will learn:

- To fit unusual descriptions of objects with the objects themselves
- To work together in small groups to solve problems
- To create descriptions of objects that other people can connect with the objects themselves

MATERIALS:

- One copy of Thinker's Scavenger Hunt (whatever fits the season) for every 3 or 4 students
- Pen or pencil for each group
- Clipboard for each group

PRESENTATION:

Go over the concepts in the scavenger hunt. The second page of this lesson plan has two copies of a Scavenger Hunt, or you can create your own. **CAUTION:** Please avoid items that require digging up or taking pieces from living plants.

Some things are included that will provide a review of Clean and Green; others require only a sharp eye. Still others require little previous knowledge but good powers of association.

DIRECTIONS:

Divide your class into groups of 3 or 4 kids. Explain that they are going on an unusual scavenger hunt. The first thing they need to do is figure out what the description is before they can go find the object.

Give them boundaries and a time limit (1/2 hour or so).

Ask them to be careful not to rip off or up living plants or animals.

Explain that when they've found the objects, they bring them back to the gathering place to be checked off the list. Distribute sheets, ask for questions and let them go.

At the end of the time limit, gather the group together, go through each item, and discuss. Keep from using this as a competitive activity; sometimes competition gets in the way of learning.

You may wish to review certain concepts that were missed consistently or take them beyond these concepts. It can also be fun to have the kids make up their own scavenger hunts and try them out on each other. **CAUTION:** Please avoid items that require digging up or taking pieces from living plants.

PROCESSING THROUGH THE SIX PILLARS:

TIME:

45-60 minutes

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- Small piece of a living thing that makes sugar out of sunlight
- Empty chewing gum wrapper
- Non-biodegradable piece of litter
- Pocketful of leaves dead for at least 3 years
- Dead leaf at least 30 times as long as it is wide
- Jar full of clear, gaseous, life-giving substance
- Drawing of something that recycles waste
- Empty soda can
- Plant seed adapted for dispersal by wind
- Wild seed that attracts birds
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