

**FIRST GRADE  
MAY  
HABITATS**

**TOTAL TIME: 60 Minutes.**

You will need 4 parent volunteers for this activity.

**NEEDED MATERIALS:**

4 poster boards  
crayons or markers

**Discuss:**

What is a habitat? A habitat is the place that animals live. An animal's habitat must have air, water, food, and shelter. Different animals need different types of habitats.

Our class is going to study four different types of animal habitats: The Pond, The Tropical Rain Forest, The African Savanna, and the Artic.

Prior to starting class, find out how many children are present and sort out an equal number of animals from each habitat packet (one for each child). Then, hand out one animal card to each child.

Each parent volunteer will be in a different place in the room with their habitat card. The children will travel around the room trying to match their animal with the correct habitat. Once every child has found their correct habitat, they will remain in this group.

Each group will use the poster board and art supplies to create a picture of the habitat their animals live in. They will use the provided booklets to learn about the habitat and see pictures of what the habitat looks like. They should work together to create a good representation of the habitat. Each child should be responsible for learning one fact about his/her habitat. Give them approximately 20 minutes to create their posters.

Each group will present their habitat to the class and tell what they learned.

## EXTRA INFO:

### 1. The Pond

- a. Still and quiet, with calm water
- b. No two ponds are identical; there are many different shapes and sizes.

### 2. The Tropical Rain Forest

- a. Very damp and humid - Lots of rain!
- b. Hot, dark, and peaceful (wind cannot break through the dense leaves of the forest)
- c. Lots of plants.

### 3. The African Savanna

- a. Hot year-round
- b. Has an extended dry season and a rainy season
- c. Sometimes called a grassland, because grass grows better than most plants
- d. Some trees grow, but usually not in thick forests

### 4. The Arctic

- a. Very cold and windy
- b. Treeless and dry
- c. Very little rain or snow
- d. The land is called Tundra - permafrost (a layer of frozen soil) covers the ground
- e. Many animals live in the icy Arctic Ocean at the North Pole.

The animals that live in each region:

- The Pond - beaver, goose, duck, dragonfly, fish, frog, great blue heron, turtle
- The Tropical Rain Forest - chimpanzee, gorilla, jaguar, macaw, sloth, toucan
- The African Savanna - cheetah, elephant, giraffe, impala, hippopotamus, lion, rhinoceros, zebra
- The Arctic - beluga whale, arctic fox, arctic hare, caribou, harp seal, polar bear, snowy owl, walrus