

Lighthouses – 2nd-3rd Grades

Brief Description

In this lesson the students will learn about the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. The students will listen to: A nonfiction overview “What Is a Lighthouse”, a Poem – “Light the Light”, and the book *Beacons of Light* by Gail Gibbons. They will work in groups to identify different characteristics and facts concerning lighthouses and their history. Once the students listen for information they are ready to play a trivia game. If teacher’s wish to work on this project, students will build Paper Cup Lighthouses. (Other books to read during course of project: *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie* by Peter Roop, *Connie Roop Birdie's Lighthouse* by Deborah Hopkinson)

Students will

- View a slide presentation showing lighthouses around the United States
- Listen to the Lighthouse Poem and recite as a group; select a one individual to recite at mic
- Listen for information – “What is a Lighthouse” – Slide (non-fiction) and play Trivia Game with Lighthouse Poster
- Read *Beacons of Light* by Gail Gibbons
- Work in cooperative groups to play Lighthouse Trivia Game
- Identify differences between fiction and non-fiction work.

Materials Needed Book: *Beacons of Light* by Gail Gibbons

- Poster board with a lighthouse picture as a central feature with light beams (made from yellow strips of paper) coming out of the middle to represent a web
- Color (preferably) copies of some lighthouses for poster board decoration
- Answers taken directly from book, typed on paper and laminated,
- Fun tack backing (to be placed on the ends of the web strips by the students)

ACTIVITY - Lighthouse Trivia Game

- Beforehand– Select questions from book and type on yellow strips (beams)
- When a group answers correctly, have the leader come up, choose the answer that has been typed on a card and place it on the poster board.
- Continue doing this until all groups have had an equal number of turns and the typed answers have all been posted on the poster board. The finished product is a Lighthouse Information Web Poster Board Display!

ACTIVITY - Build Paper Cup Lighthouses – See slide for directions and materials