

Lighthouses – Grades K-1

Brief Description

In this lesson the students will learn about the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. Listen to a non-fiction and fiction selection about lighthouses. Play a trivia facts game, perform a reader's theater play based on fiction book selection and build papercup lighthouses.

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
- Listen to the book *The Little Red Lighthouse...* (fiction)
- Work in cooperative groups to build their own lighthouses
- Perform a Reader's Theater Play “*The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge*” based on the book

Materials Needed:

- *The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge* by Hildegard H. Swift and Lynd Ward
- Paper Cup Lighthouse Directions & Material included in this powerpoint

Lesson

- Introduce students to the concept of fiction/non-fiction.
- Tell the students they are going to hear two stories about lighthouses – one a short non-fiction piece and one is a fiction book
- Tell students to listen for facts and be ready to play the trivia game following the reading of the book.
- Read “What is a Lighthouse” slide
- Divide the class into four groups. Tell students that each group will get an equal turn to answer a specific question.

ACTIVITY - Lighthouse Trivia Game

- Beforehand—create answer strips on yellow paper (lightbeams)
- 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 – Reader' Theater Play - Based on the book - *The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge*

ACTIVITY - Build Paper Cup Lighthouses