

Artistic Animals

Suggested Grade Level: 4-6

Relative Subject(s): Science, Art

Objectives:

To promote creativity through painting and drawing different types of vertebrates. Students will also learn to classify the different categories of vertebrates: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Materials:

- White construction paper
- A variety of colored paints
- Pencils
- Small white labels

Activity: *Preliminary Discussion (this can be done the day before to get them thinking and excited about the activities)*

- Define "vertebrate."
- What are the different types of vertebrates?
- How are fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals different?
- What types of vertebrates live around your neighborhood and school?
- What types of vertebrates do people keep as pets?

Procedure

Have the students draw and paint a variety of vertebrates, cut them out and hang them up in the classroom. Then ask the students to label each animal with the type of vertebrate it is.

Post-Discussion

- Discuss each animal and what type of vertebrate it is.
- Discuss the different colors, sizes, number of legs and other features they all have.
- What is your favorite vertebrate? Why?

Extension activity:

Have each student pick a vertebrate and research it.