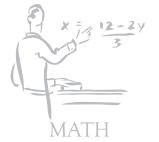


Safari Wall Hanging and African Savannahs

This craft is a fun, creative project to add to a unit on life in the African Savannahs.

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GRADE LEVEL



Objectives

The students will be able to locate savannahs on a map of Africa.

The students will be able to explain what a savannah is and what life is like on an African savannah.

The students will be able to create safari wall hangings using various materials.

Materials

Large map of Africa

Resource books on savannahs and Africa

1/8 yd. each of two green shades of fabric for trees and bushes and of two brown shades of fabric for tree trunks

1/4 yd. Each of blue fabric for water and brown/green fabric for swamp

1-1/2 yd. "Wonder Under" fusible webbing

2/3 yd. dark green print fabric for overall background

1/4 yd. each contrasting print fabrics for inside and outside borders

1/3 yd. black fabric for thin inside and outside binding borders

5/8 yd. each muslin (for backing) and batting

Procedure

1. Show the class a large color map of Africa. Ask the students, "Do they know what a savannah is?" Explain that Africa has several tropical grasslands or savannahs and that today they will locate them on the map. They will also learn what a savannah is and what life is like on it.
2. Show the students color pictures of savannahs. Discuss with the students what they see in the pictures.
3. Next explain that the students will do some research to learn more about savannah wildlife. Give the students some topics on which they should focus:
 - What is a savannah?
 - Where are the savannahs located?
 - Why are savannahs important?
 - What animals live on savannahs?
 - What is special about the African savannah?

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Have the students work in groups of two or three to research these topics. You may assign a topic to each group.

1. Have students put a mark on the map when they locate a Savannah.
2. Give the students enough research time and then have the students share some of their findings with the class. (This may take more than one day to complete.) Have each group present their findings to the class.
3. Have the students take a few minutes to close their eyes and imagine a picture of what the savannahs look like.
4. Next, explain to the students that they will work on a very special craft and will create a Safari Wall Hanging to show a picture of what they have just been studying.

Instructions

For Craft Project

1. To create trees, bushes, and water, enlarge patterns provided to approximately 13-1/2" x 19-1/2". (For further pattern definition, trace lines with a fine tip black marker before copying.) Fuse web following manufacturer's instructions to wrong sides of materials listed above. Use patterns to cut out blue (water), greens (trees and bushes), browns (trunks) and brown/green (swamp).
2. Background and borders: Cut dark green fabric background to approximately 13-1/2" x 19-1/2". For borders, cut strips parallel to the 45" edge of the fabric in the following widths:
 - A. inside print: 1-1/2"
 - B. Thin black solid: 1-1/2"
 - C. Outside print: 2-3/4"
 - D. Outside black edge (binding): 2-1/2"Stitch borders in A,B,C order onto outside edge of dark green background, using 1/4" seams on each raw edge.
3. Front and back assembly: Lay out pieces created in step 1 as pictured and fuse into place. Layer batting and muslin on back of hanging; pin and trim edges to match outside of border "C."
4. Binding: Fold "D" strip in half lengthwise and press. Turn raw edges to inside. Fold and press.
5. Buttons: Sew, pin, or cut off shanks and glue buttons as pictured, or arrange to your liking.

