



## Raptor Resource Project Lesson Plans

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### Lesson Plan: Collective Nouns

<b>Grade/Level</b>	Elementary
<b>Time Allotment</b>	60 minutes, divided between 3 days
<b>Content Area(s)</b>	Language Arts

#### Objectives

Students will understand the meaning of collective nouns connected to Bald Eagles

- A kettle of eagles: A kettle describes a group of birds wheeling and circling in the air
- A communal roost: A communal roost describes a place where a group of birds regularly congregate to perch or sleep
- A convocation of eagles: A convocation describes a large group of Bald Eagles

#### Curricular Connections

L.2.4 Vocabulary Acquisition and Usage

#### Instructional Materials

- Bald Eagle journals or other writing and drawing paper
- A list of collective nouns that the class generated in a previous lesson

#### Resources

- Use this ads-free resource to generate a list of collective nouns for animals:  
<http://www.namibian.org/travel/misc/collective-nouns.html>
- Use these photos of a communal roost, a convocation, and a kettle to demonstrate collective nouns for Bald Eagles:  
<https://raptorresource.org/wordpress/lesson-plan/collective-nouns/>

#### Background Knowledge

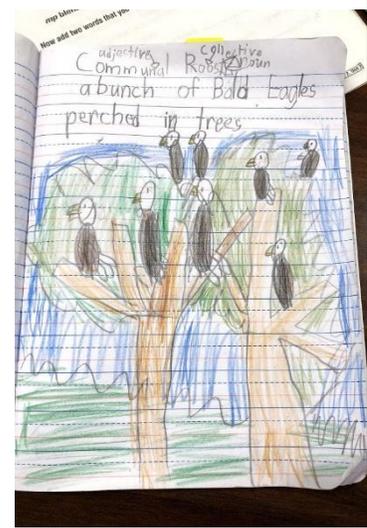
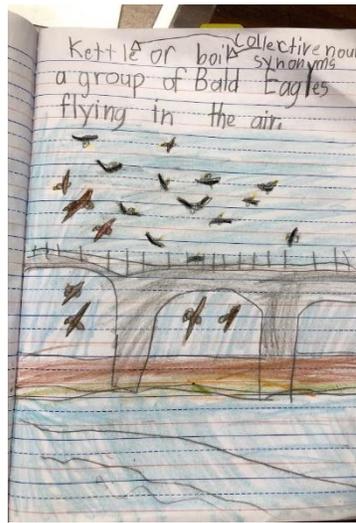
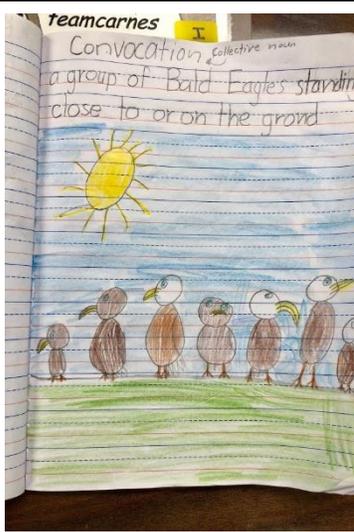
- Students will have already been introduced to collective nouns through their language arts curriculum.

## Opener

Remind students that a collective noun pertains to groups of people, places, things, and animals. Review the list that the class generated in a previous lesson.

## Procedure/Method/Activity

- List the three collective nouns for eagles (kettle/boil, communal roost, convocation).
- Project pictures of each one and discuss each one. Class chooses one to enter in the glossary section of their Bald Eagle Journals. A kid-friendly definition will be determined by the class.
- Students will enter the word and definition in their journals and sketch a picture to go with it. The two remaining collective nouns will be entered in journals as independent work during group rotations on separate days.



## Assessment

Students will use this and other knowledge to write a class book about Bald Eagles towards the end of the year.

## Extension

Review synonyms (kettle/boil) and adjectives (communal roost)

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