



Raptor Resource Project Lesson Plans

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Lesson Plan: Opinion Writing, Stick Tango!

Grade/Level	Elementary
Time Allotment	30 minutes
Content Area(s)	Language Arts

Objectives

Students will write an opinion piece, providing reasons for why they believe what they do.

Curricular Connections

W.2.1: Write an opinion piece in which a topic is introduced, an opinion is stated, and reasons to support this opinion are supplied.

Instructional Materials

- Story web
- Pencil and paper

Resources

Video: Stick tango! <https://youtu.be/7UPZkdKml1E?t=115>

Live stream: <https://www.raptorresource.org/classroom/>

Background Knowledge

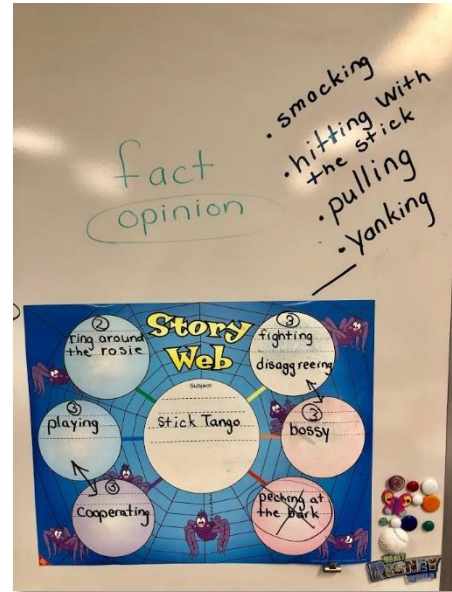
Students will need an understanding of what male and female Bald Eagles do to build and prepare a nest to lay eggs and raise their young through watching the webcam.

Opener

Discuss what students have observed while watching Mom and DM2 work on the nest on previous days.

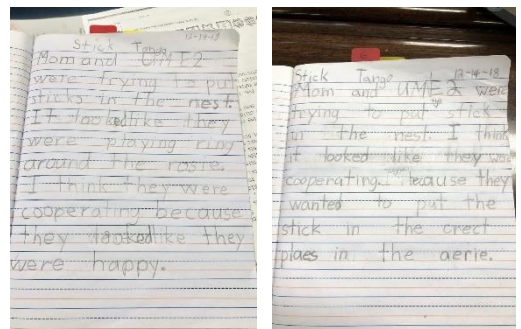
Procedure/Method/Activity

- Watch the video of Mom and DM2 placing a stick in the nest.
- Discuss what students observed in the video and record these in a story web. Review fact and opinion and cross out observations that are fact. Remind students that the eagles are the only ones that really know.
- Have the students watch the video again, considering what they think that the eagles were doing and why they think this.



Assessment

Students will write an opinion piece about the video, stating what they think Mom and DM2 were doing and thinking as they placed the stick in the nest, giving reasons why they feel this way.



Extension

Volunteers share their writing with classmates. Discuss that we need to respect the opinions of other people.