

Paper Plate Habitat

To make in conjunction with the PLT activity, "Trees as Habitats."

Materials:

2 white paper plates (non-glossy)
2 brads
Scissors
Hole punch
Glue
Crayons, coloring pencils, or markers
PDF of animal outlines (provided)

Directions:

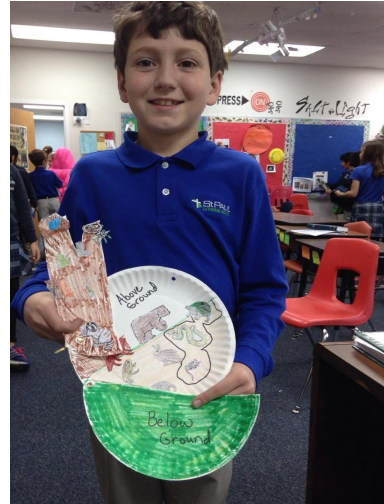
1. Cut one of the paper plates in half. One half of the paper plate will become the 'grass.' Cut the other half of the paper plate to into the shape of a tree. Example shown.



2. Color the 'tree' background and color the 'grass' background on the paper plate halves. The 'grass' background will be labeled "Below Ground."



3. On the full paper plate, draw a line dividing it in half. This line should line up with your cut out half paper plate. The top half of this plate will be your "Above Ground." The bottom half should be lightly colored to represent dirt.



4. Line up the grass and the full paper plate. Using the hole punch, punch a hole in the top left corner of the half plate or 'grass' and use a brad to secure the two together.



5. Line up the 'tree' so it is side by side with the top of the 'grass.' Using the hole punch, punch a hole in the top left corner of the 'tree' and use a brad to secure.



6. You can now move the grass to uncover below ground habitat, and the tree can stand revealing the above ground habitat. (When the tree is in standing position, fill in the white segment in between the tree and the 'dirt' to complete the tree.)



7. Cut out each of the animal outlines.

8. Arrange them by their group. Tree animals: nest, frog, squirrel, woodpecker, and katydid. Above ground animals: armadillo, fox, raccoon, and bear. Below ground animals: mouse, rabbit, snake, toad, and tortoise.

9. Color each animal and then arrange and glue the animals in their habitats. Be careful not to glue any animals on both the moveable tree and the background- this will hinder your ability to fold the tree up and down.



Paper Plate Habitat Animals

