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Learn about the...

DEWEY DECIMALS

by **Designing a Zoo**



GRADES
3-6

Presentation + Small Group Activity

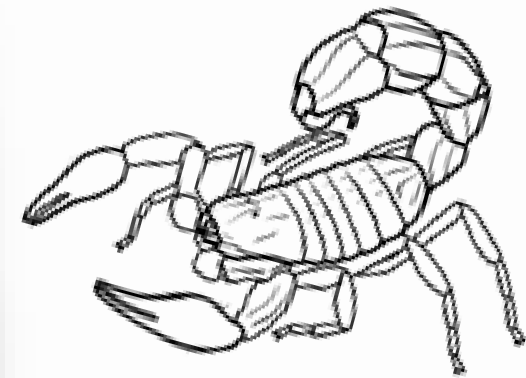
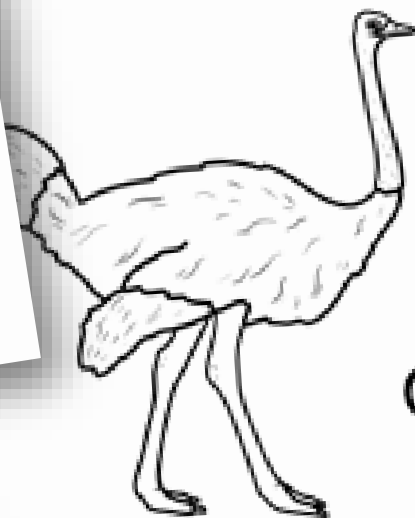


30 ANIMAL CARDS

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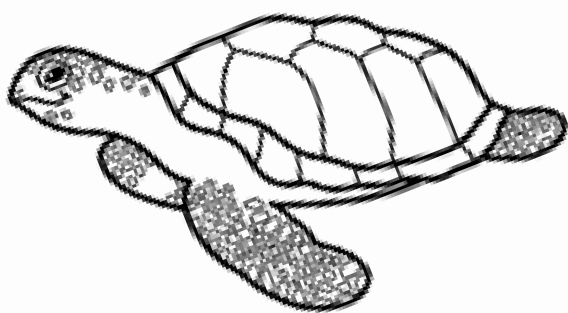
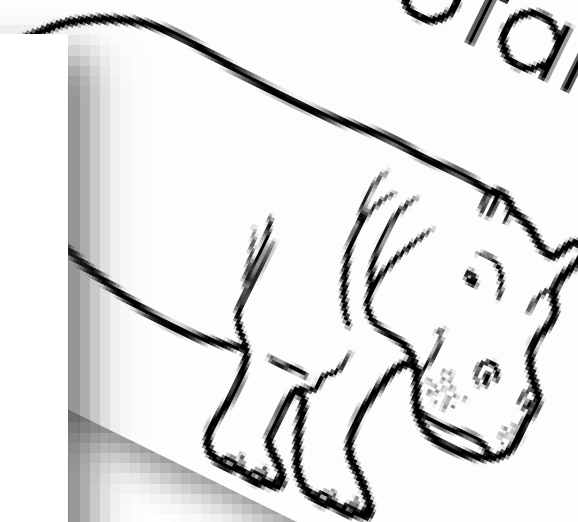


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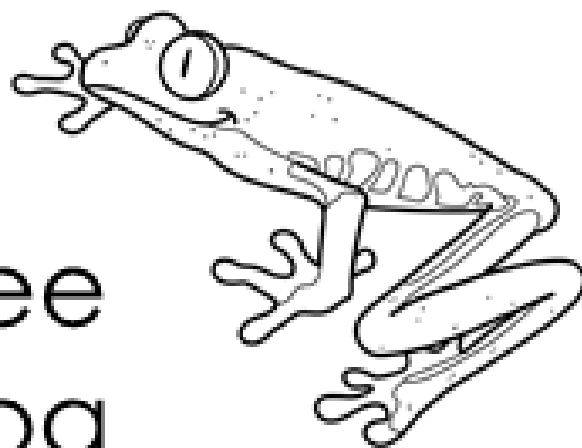
scorpion

hippopotamus




sea turtle

tree
frog



All animal cards contain the common animal name
and a black-and-white illustration of the animal


EDITABLE PRESENTATION



HOW COOL IS
THE DEWEY

WHO WAS MELVIL DEWEY?

- Lived 1851-1931
- American librarian
- Creator of the Dewey Decimal System
- Dewey Decimal System assigns a number to different book subjects
- Think of it as a secret code for book subjects!

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Introduces Melvil Dewey and explains how the Dewey Decimal System works; edit text in Google or PPT

HOW IT WORKS - DAY ONE

1. Divide students into small groups. Give each group 30 animal cards. They should have plenty of room to spread out, either at large tables or on the floor.
2. Directions: Each group is to design a zoo for the animals on their cards. There are no specific directions for how to design the zoo EXCEPT that visitors need to be able to find the animals they are looking for easily.
3. Directions should be intentionally vague. You do not want to give too many directions about how to design the zoo. (The point here is that students will design zoos based on habitats, physical characteristics, alphabetical order, etc. All these apply to Dewey.
4. As students work, you should TAKE PHOTOS for Day 2!
5. Students have 2-3 minutes to explain their zoo and how they laid it out.

HOW IT WORKS - DAY TWO

1. Insert a few photos from Day One into the presentation (there is space for this in the presentation).
2. Before you start, remind students of the zoo activity last time. Ask them how they arranged their zoos (common answers will be by habitat, abilities (flying, etc.), physical features, alphabetical order, etc.)
3. Walk students through the “How COOL is Dewey?” presentation.
4. As you go through the presentation, make connections to how student groups laid out their zoos. Many of them will have arranged their zoos as Dewey arranged the animals in the 500s. The groups that arranged alphabetically should also be recognized here, because that’s also part of Dewey.
5. Take students to the 500 section to see how the animals are arranged.

MORE SLIDES...

IT WORKS FOR OTHER NUMBERS, TOO!



600 – Applied Science

640 – Housekeeping

641 – Food and Drink

641.3 – Food history and culture

641.33 – Tea, chocolate, coffee

641.3373 – Coffee

SO! LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR ZOOS...



Why do you think we did
the zoo activity last time?

What did the zoo activity
have to do with the Dewey
Decimal System?

ALSO INCLUDES DETAILED TWO-DAY LESSON PLAN

LESSON ONE

Students should sit in groups of 3-5. Each group will need one set of 30 animal cards. This lesson should take about 30 minutes.

2-3 MINUTES: GIVE DIRECTIONS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

- Tell students they will design a zoo today. Do not mention anything about Dewey Decimals or application to the library.
- I purposely do not give directions for this part—it's always interesting to see how students

10-15 MINUTES: ZOO

This part may be a groups.

- Students need go where? The together.
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LESSON TWO

Lesson Two should take about 30-35 minutes. Students do not have to sit with their groups from Lesson One.

PREP:

- Add a few photos from Lesson One to the beginning of the presentation for today.
- You will need a projector/screen for the
- The presentation is editable everything you want

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INTRO TO LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION

This is a great first lesson to start talking about Dewey Decimal Classification. It works great for Grades 3-6, but I've used it all the way through Grade 10 and with ELL students.

AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK FOR LEARNERS:

- B. IV. Curate—Students will organize information by priority, topic, or other systematic scheme.

PREP:

- Print and cut out the animal cards. Each group or table of students will need one set for Lesson One.
- Keep the cards together in plastic zippered bags or with binder clips.

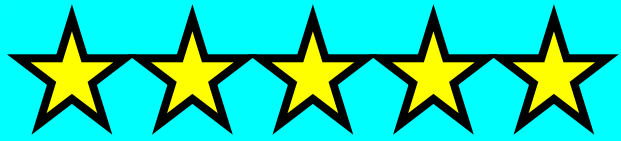
LESSON ONE:

- One set of animal cards for each table or group of students
- Tables or area for student groups to spread out. The floor works fine!
- Optional: access to the internet to look up animals (especially helpful for ELL students who may not know the animal names in English)

LESSON TWO:

- Computer projector
- "How COOL Is Dewey?" presentation in PPT or Google Slides

What other librarians are saying about this Dewey Decimal Zoo lesson...

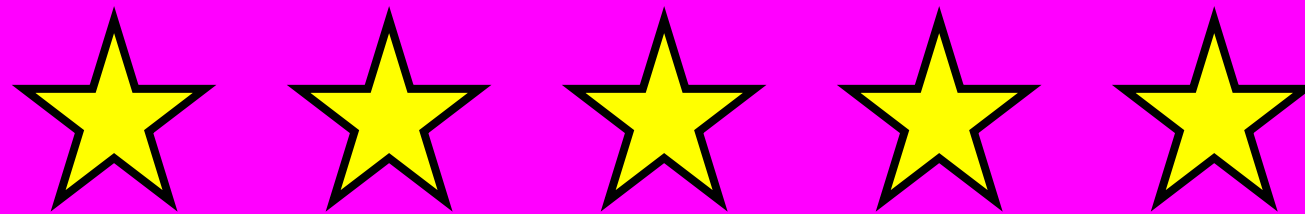


This is a very
engaging and fun way
to introduce students
to the Dewey Decimal
System. It is hands-on
and makes the DDS
easy to relate to for
younger students.



This is brilliant.
I wish I could give it
more than 5 stars.
This activity was a
great way to explain
Dewey, and the
students were very
engaged.

What other librarians are saying about this Dewey Decimal Zoo lesson...



My students love this zoo activity!

They get really into the zoo
creation process, it's a great
opportunity to include some
STEM activities as well!

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DEWEY DECIMALS

GRADES 5-7

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THE DEWEY DECIMAL SYSTEM

GRADES 5-8

CALL NUMBERS

Have you ever noticed that all our library books have numbers and letters on the spine?

These are a type of code for librarians. The numbers and letters together form a book's call number.

In our library, the call number is always a number and up to three letters.

The call number is like the book's address. It tells us where the book "lives" in the library.

"After the Zombie Apocalypse"

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LIBRARY ORIENTATION

PPT Trivia Game

BACK TO THE LIBRARY!

Book Care	Genres	Text Features	Our Library	Surprise Me
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

GRADES 3-6

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GENRE PERSONALITY

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WHAT'S YOUR **GENRE PERSONALITY?**

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Reading Quiz with 12 Personalities

POSTER SET

GRADES 3-6

Quiz + Posters BUNDLE

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