

ANTARCTICA STORYTIME

RECOMMENDED READS
"Antarctica"

Let's draw a cute whale!

SCAVENGER HUNT
Can you find all the pictures in the presentation?

Antarctica Ice Pop Snack
YOU WILL NEED:
• Blue sports drink
• Plain or vanilla Greek yogurt
• Coconut water

LET'S TALK ABOUT...ANTARCTICA!
Today in the library, we learned about Antarctica!
Here are some things I learned...

Antarctica Quiz

1. What is the southernmost point on Earth?
2. True or false: There is land underneath the ice in Antarctica.
3. Why don't polar bears in the wild eat penguins?
4. Who would win: orca or great white shark?
5. Name two animals that live in Antarctica.

Antarctica Picture Books

- The Inkhosidze Turn Circle ("Tweezers")
- Ten Animals in Antarctica (Court)
- Passionate About Penguins (Lacey)
- Jody Glantz: The Adventures of a Penguin (Janalicious)
- Frozen Wild: How Animals Survive in the Coldest Places on Earth (Anosky)

Sign Language "Penguin"

1. Bring both arms down straight to the sides of the body.
2. Bend your wrists so hands point out.
3. Move the entire trunk of the body side to side a couple of times. This sign looks exactly like a penguin waddling around.

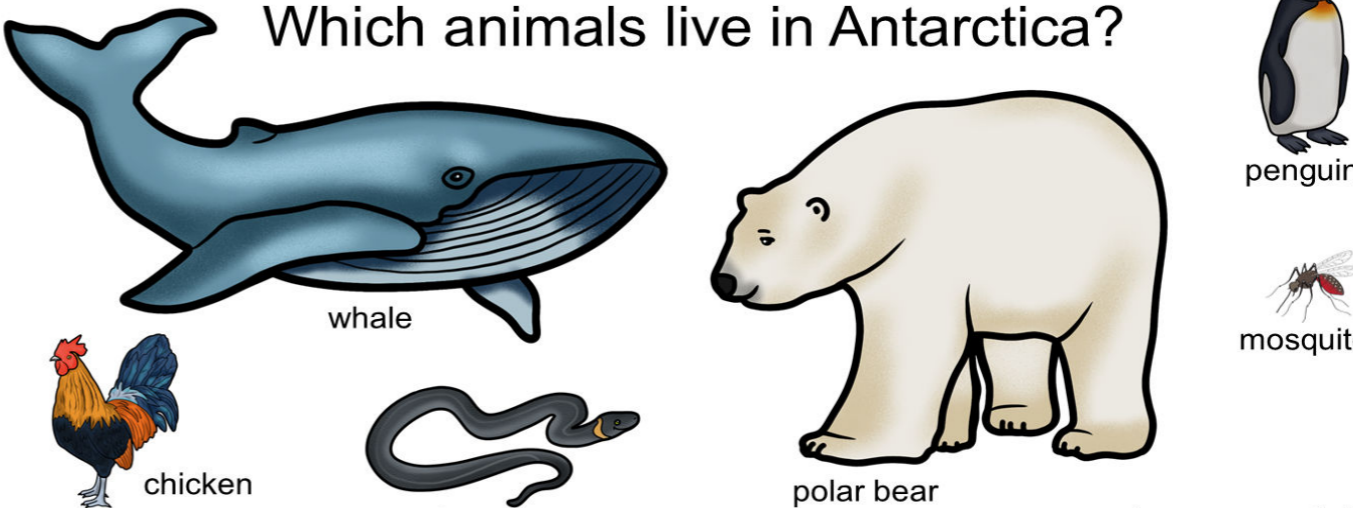
Antarctica Vocabulary

- ice shelf
- South Pole
- orca
- Southern Ocean
- continent

Penguin Maze

WHERE DO WE LIVE?

Which animals live in Antarctica?



whale

chicken

snake

polar bear

penguin

mosquito

(answer on next slide)

GRADES
K-3

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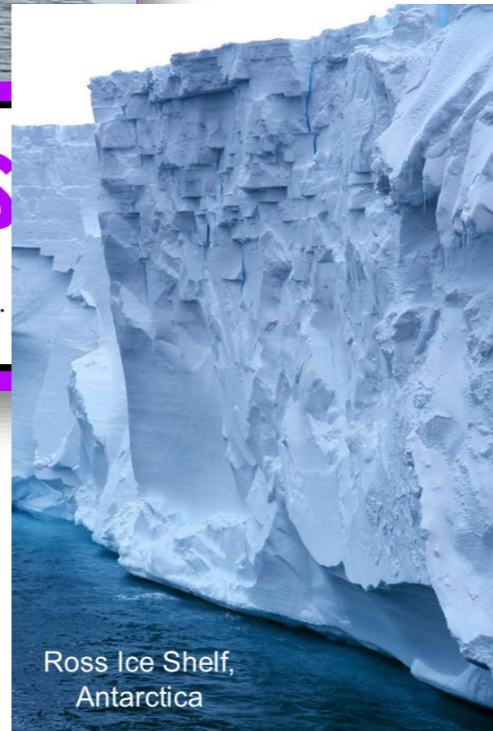


This Antarctica Storytime is designed for one 50-minute library class, or two 25-minute classes.

ANTARCTICA ANIMALS

Penguins, seals, and whales are some of the larger animals that live in Antarctica.

Parts I and II divide naturally, making it easy to stop and pick up the lesson next week.



WORD OF THE WEEK

ice shelf

Ice shelves are huge, permanent floating sheets of ice.

Most of the world's ice shelves around the coasts of Antarctica.

EDITABLE IN THREE FORMATS

Presentation is editable in PowerPoint and Google Slides.

Printables are editable in PowerPoint, Google Slides, and PDF formats.



WHAT ANTARCTIC ANIMAL AM I?



I am part of the dolphin family.

I am very smart.

I love to eat seals and sea lions.

I live in a small group of others like me.

(answer on next slide)



GUIDES YOUR LIBRARY TIME

STORYTIME!



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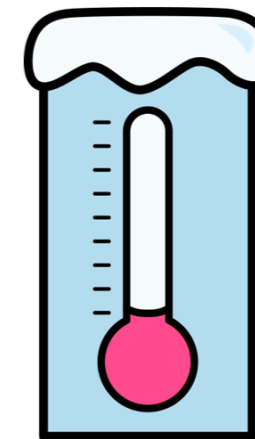
Paste your story time book cover in this area.

You can copy and paste book covers from Goodreads or Amazon.

The presentation guides library time from start to finish!

CHECKING OUT BOOKS TODAY!

Write in checkout reminders or procedures here.



thermometer

PART I - WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

Part I is a whole-group lesson.
It is a librarian-led, guided discussion
to introduce Antarctica.

Slides include: Antarctica song
(includes lyrics), “penguin” in
sign language, the seven continents,
summer and winter in Antarctica,
and Antarctica animals.

“ANTARCTICA SONG”

(to the tune of “Frère Jacques”)



Antarctica (Antarctica)

Glacier
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SIGN LANGUAGE



rockhopper penguin

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3. Move the entire trunk of the body side to side a couple of times. This sign looks exactly like a penguin waddling around.

[This is the American Sign Language sign for “penguin.”](#)

PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

ANTARCTICA IDIOM



“penguin suit”

This is a nickname for a tuxedo.
A tuxedo is a formal suit men might wear to a wedding or fancy party.

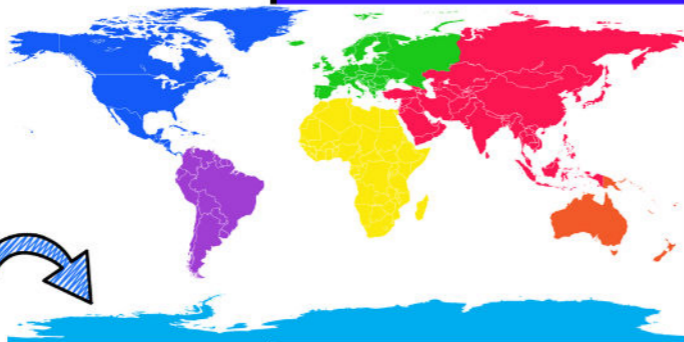
WORD OF THE WEEK

continent

a very large piece of land

Antarctica is one of the seven continents.

Antarctica



The slides in Part II need to be set on a timer (instructions with visuals included).

The scrolling slides include fun facts about Antarctica, vocabulary, Would-You-Rathers, and Antarctica trivia questions.

Students watch the slideshow to find the images and information included in the differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities.


ON THE SPECIALS ROTATION?

Move the slides around within the presentation to increase or decrease difficulty levels for different grade levels.

This helps keep the lesson interesting for you if you are a Specials rotation librarian teaching the same lesson multiple times during the week.


WOULD YOU RATHER...

feel too cold



OR

feel too hot



TRUE OR FALSE?



Polar bears eat penguins.

(answer on next slide)

EASY-TO-READ FONTS

LAND UNDER THE ICE

Remember, a continent
is a land mass.

Even though Antarctica is
almost completely covered in ice,
there is land under the ice.



All my resources are designed
to maximize readability and
accessibility for all students.

Only two fonts are used in all parts of this
resource: Arial (body text, recommended
by the British Dyslexia Association) and
KG Blank Space Solid (headers).

There is no cursive, no fancy fonts, and no random capitalizations.

Lines of text are spaced at 1.5 throughout the slide presentation.

CLEAN BACKGROUNDS AND FONT COLORS

All slide backgrounds are white.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Which ocean surrounds Antarctica?



Indian Ocean



Southern Ocean



Atlantic Ocean

(answer on next slide)

Header text is in color for emphasis.

All body text is black.

These design choices help ensure the text is as clean and clear as possible for students with dyslexia or vision challenges.

PRESENTATION IMAGES

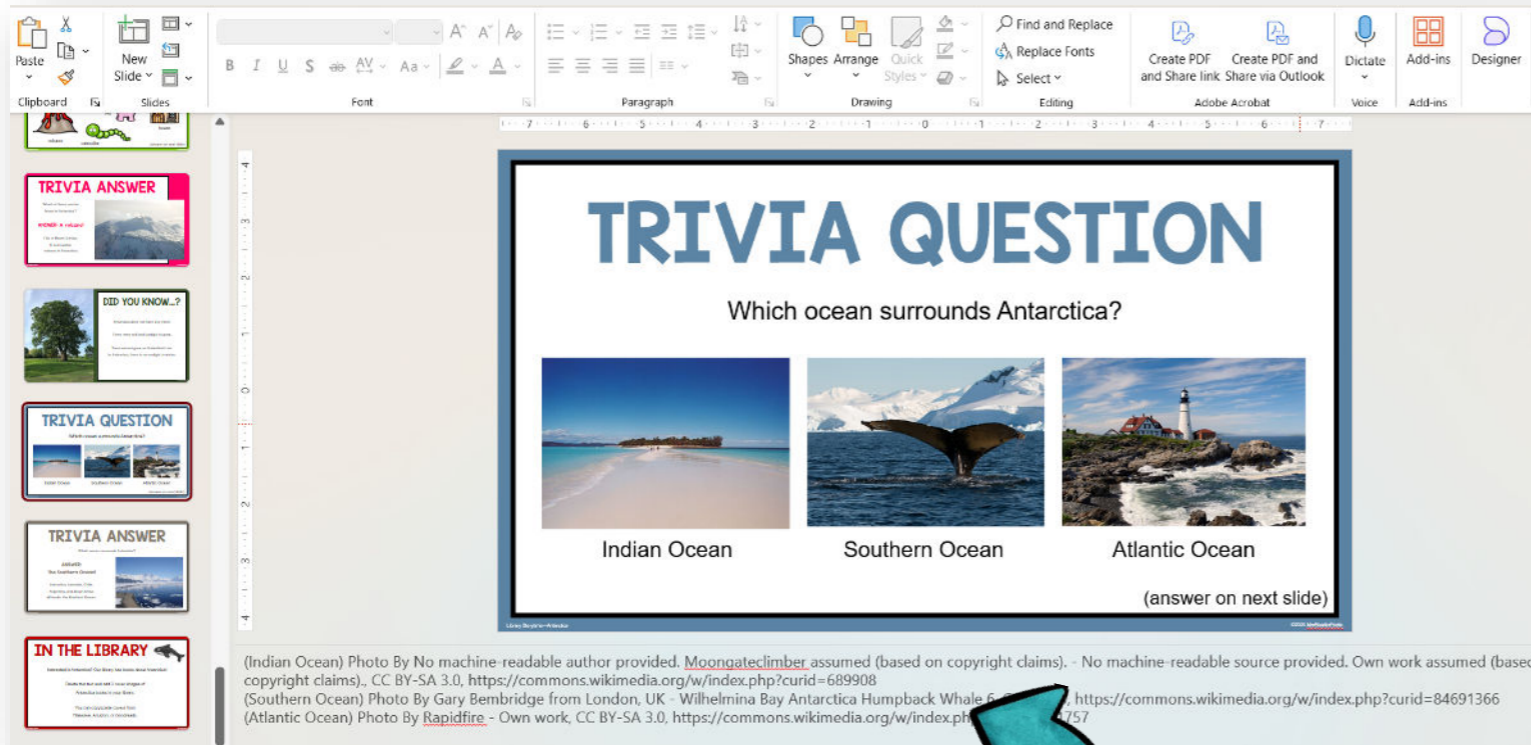


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Every slide in this Storytime includes at least one large, high-quality image that **complements** the text on that slide.

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THE SOUTH POLE



The South Pole is in Antarctica.

The South Pole is the southernmost point on Earth.

No humans live at the South Pole.
It is way too cold!

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and
body text

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DIFFERENTIATED SCAVENGER HUNTS

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

Can you find all the pictures in the presentation?

EASIER

Labels: snow, tuxedo, polar bear, blue whale, orca, map, thermometer.

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the presentation?

| | |
|--|---|
| What ocean surrounds Antarctica? | Why don't polar bears eat penguins? |
| HARDER | |
| Orcas are part of the _____ family. | How many continents are there on Earth? |
| A tuxedo is sometimes called a _____ suit. | Other than Antarctica, what is another country that borders the Southern Ocean? |
| How many reptile species live in Antarctica? | Huge, permanent floating sheets of ice are called ice _____. |
| True or false: Antarctica has _____. | True or false: _____. |

Name **ANSWER KEY** Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the presentation?

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| What ocean surrounds Antarctica? | Why don't polar bears eat penguins? |
| Southern | rs live in Penguins Antarctica, very far t. |
| penguin | How many continents are there on Earth? seven |
| A tuxedo is sometimes called a _____ suit. | Chile, Argentina, Australia |
| true | Other than Antarctica, what is another country that borders the Southern Ocean? |
| True or false: _____. | How many reptile species live in Antarctica? Zero – Antarctica is too cold for reptiles |
| | Huge, permanent floating sheets of ice are called ice _____. ice shelves |

Keep students engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions! All text is editable.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDED READS

"Antarctica"

Ten Animals in Antarctica (Court)
Here Is Antarctica (Dunphy)
When Penguins Cross the Ice: Emperor Penguin Migration (Katz Cooper)
What Can I See in the Polar Regions? (Griffin)
A Whale's World (McAllister)
Jonty Gentoo: The Adventures of a Penguin (Donaldson)
Iceberg: A Life in Seasons (Saxby)



Except Antarctica (Sturgell)
Antarctica: A Continent of Wonder (Cuesta Hernando)
Life in a Frozen World (Batten)
Wild Orca: The Oldest, Wisest Whale in the World (Peterson)
Frozen Wild: How Animals Survive in the Coldest Places on Earth (Arnosky)
Penguin Journey (Kunkel)

Antarctica (Lindeen)
Little Penguin: The Emperor of Antarctica (London)
What Lives in Antarctica? (Gaarder-Juntti)
Search for the Northern Lights (Rusch)



Includes a printable list 20 Antarctica-themed books for Grades K-3.
Most titles are informational picture books.

This list is great for student reference, for teachers, or to send home to parents.

All text is editable.

EDITABLE LESSON PLAN

LESSON PLAN

DATES
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GRADES
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SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED

- Computer, project audio speakers
- Books for read-aloud
- Copies of scavenger hunt
- Copies of Take-Home Message
- Copies of Recording Sheet
- Crayons, colored paper

LESSON PLAN

THE STUDENTS WILL...

- Listen and participate in the Storytime Discussion about Antarctica
- Explain why polar bears cannot possibly eat penguins in nature
- Discuss Antarctica weather, climate, seasons, and animals

STORYTIME SONG:

- "The Antarctica Song"

RELATED VIDEO:

- "Antarctica: Destination World" by NatGeo Kids (<3 minutes)
- "Penguin Dance – Brain Breaks" by Jack Hartmann (<3 min)
- "8 Antarctic Penguins and Their Sounds" by Oceanwide Expeditions (<3 minutes)
- "Antarctica | Learn Facts about Antarctica for Kids" by Learn Bright (<9 minutes)

READ-ALOUD(S)
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LIBRARY SKILL

- Asking for and locating books about Antarctica

CONCEPTS

- Polar bears cannot eat penguins
- Antarctica is one of seven continents
- Antarctica is frozen all year long
- Vocabulary words – continent, ice shelf
- Idioms – "dead of winter" and "penguin suit"

POST-READING ACTIVITY

Students complete one of two differentiated scavenger hunt activities. One is finding and coloring Antarctica pictures. The other scavenger hunt is a hunt for information and images from the scrolling slides.

Scrolling slides include fun facts and information about Antarctica

SEND HOME WITH STUDENTS

Includes pre-filled lesson plan with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades K-3.

The Notes page is a place where you can make notes to yourself for next year, or whenever you teach this lesson again.

100% editable to make it as easy and useful as possible!

MORE ELEMENTARY STORYTIMES


Love this Library Storytime? I have a lot more! All follow the same format as this Antarctica Storytime.

The lessons below are all designed for 50-minute classes or two 25-minute classes.

INCLUDES GOOGLE™ SLIDES

LIBRARY STORYTIME


WHAT ANIMALS LIVE IN THE DESERT?



gila monster tarantula kangaroo rat

GRADES K-2

"Desert Animals"




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SCIENCE STORYTIME

SIGN LANGUAGE


[This is the American Sign Language sign for ocean / sea.](#)



What do you think of when you see this sign?
Does it remind you of ocean waves?

GRADES K-2

"Ocean Animals"

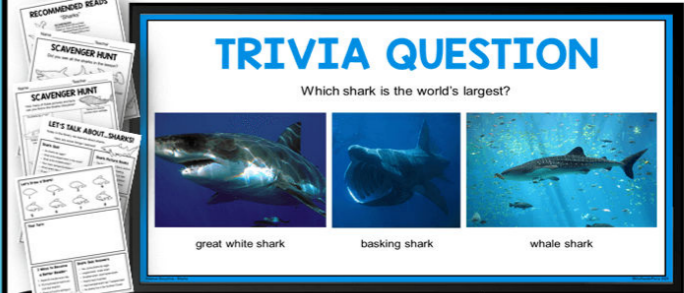


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SCIENCE STORYTIME

TRIVIA QUESTION

Which shark is the world's largest?



great white shark basking shark whale shark

GRADES 1-4

"Sharks!"

