

Forest Connections

Subject: Content/Social Sciences

Grade Level: Elementary School (K-3rd)

Time : 30 minutes

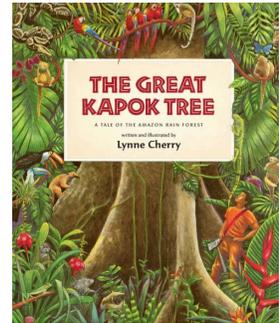
Objective: Students will make connections from the book to their own lives through the connection of trees, animals, and people.

Introduction (10 minutes):

Read *The Great Kapok Tree* to your students

After reading, ask the following questions:

- How are the animals and plants connected in the rainforest?
- Why is it important to protect the rainforest?
- What can we do to help protect rainforests?



Activity: Map it Out (15 minutes):

Students will make an Ecosystem Web of 3-5 things (animals, plants, people) and how they are connected to each other. Students will write the word and give a 2-3 sentence description

Example: Pine Tree -> pine cones -> squirrels

Conclusion (5 minutes):

Students will understand that trees are an important part of the ecosystem that we live in. Everything is connected and we need to take care of the environment.

Additional Resources

[Reforestation Fact Sheet](#) by EARTHDAY.ORG