

Cincinnati Zoo Manatees

Classroom Lesson Plans and Activities

Lesson Plan - What is a Manatee?

Geography and Life Science Grades 2-3

Standards included

This lesson introduces students to manatees. Students will learn about manatees' behavioral characteristics and how manatees in captivity interact with people. They will conclude by creating "manatee booklets" to educate others about this species.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/14/gk2/manateeswhat.html>

Lesson Plan - Working Together for the Manatee

Geography and Life Science Grades 6-8

In this lesson, students will research the manatee to find out why it is endangered. They will write speeches they might give to boaters who are interested in helping protect the manatee.

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/14/g68/manateeworking.html>

Lesson Plan – Where Oh Where Did the Manatee Go?

Science Grades 4-6

Students become researchers, looking for the factors that affect the manatee's environment in south Florida.

<http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/Lessons/1822.htm>

Lesson Plans from the Manatee Observation and Education Center

Downloadable lesson plans for all grades

<http://www.manateecenter.com/curriculum.html>

Classroom Activities

Extensive list of Educational Materials from the Save the Manatee Club

<http://www.savethemanatee.org/edmat.htm>

Classroom Activity- Watch the Manatees

Provide students with the YouTube videos about the Zoo's Manatees.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgCmVY2iVdA> Manatee Release

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgCmVY2iVdA> Manatee swimming

Lesson Plan

Language Arts Grades 2-3

Standards Included

Online book and lesson for younger children about Manatees

<http://www.readinga-z.com/book.php?id=625>

Lesson Plan - Living In the Manatee's World

Language Arts Grade 2-3

Students will be able to: describe the components and conditions needed for a manatee's survival in its natural habitat. Students will be able to navigate to find research data on the web.

<http://education.csm.edu/students/ckuker/Technology/lesson.htm>

Classroom Unit

Cross Curricular Grades 3-5

This two week multidisciplinary unit incorporates technology, research methods, and written expression through creative writing activities and friendly letters--all through the theme of manatees.

<http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/pages/361.shtml>

Classroom Unit

This is designed as an extended Manatee unit for 3rd Grade Science

<http://www.readinga-z.com/book.php?id=625>