

POP! TEACHER RESOURCE

Lesson Plan

Big Loads

Lesson Plan for *Dump Trucks*
Grade 1

Objective

To help students identify the similarities and differences between two texts.

Things Needed

- *Dump Trucks* book
- Whiteboard
- Paper and pencils
- Access to the “Dump Trucks” web page on the Pop! website:
<https://popbooksonline.com/construction-vehicles/dump-trucks>

Before the Activity

Open the “Dump Trucks” web page in your internet browser. Pull up the “Learn More” tab. Hand out paper and pencils to students. Write the following questions on the whiteboard:

- What are mining dump trucks?
- What does the book tell us about mining dump trucks?
- What new information does the caption give us about mines?
- What new information does the caption give us about mining dump trucks?

Activity

Read *Dump Trucks* out loud to students. Then reread page 16. Give students a few minutes to consider the first two questions on the whiteboard. They should write their answers down. Students can look up the word *mining* in the glossary on page 23 to help them answer the questions.

- What are mining dump trucks? (Answer: Mining dump trucks are dump trucks that help with the process of digging rocks or minerals from the ground.)
- What does the book tell us about mining dump trucks? (Answer: They carry the biggest loads. They can carry the weight of more than 70 elephants.)

Then, have students read the caption and look at the image on the “Learn More” tab of the “Dump Trucks” web page. Give students a few minutes to consider the last two questions on the whiteboard. They should write their answers down.



- What new information does the caption give us about mines? (Possible Answer: The minerals dug up at mines can be used for many things, such as heat or making electricity.)
- What new information does the caption give us about mining dump trucks? (Answer: Each of their wheels is taller than an adult.)

Evaluation

Could students identify the differences between two texts about mining dump trucks?
Could students explain their answers in writing?

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.3).

