

POP! TEACHER RESOURCE

Lesson Plan

Desert Dweller

Lesson Plan for *Armadillos*

Grade 1

Objective

To help students practice summarizing key information about armadillos.

Things Needed

- *Armadillos* book
- Access to the “Armadillos” web page on the Pop! website:
<https://popbooksonline.com/underground-animals/armadillos>

Before the Activity

Open the “Armadillos” web page in your internet browser. Pull up the “Explore Links” tab and click on the Wonderopolis article, “Where Do Armadillos Live?” This article can also be found here: <https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/where-do-armadillos-live>

Activity

Read the article “Where Do Armadillos Live?” aloud to students. Some words in the text are highlighted. Roll your mouse over them to see a definition. Ask a student volunteer to read the definition out loud.

When you reach the end, explain that this article includes lots of information about armadillos. Today, students will work together to identify which ideas are the most important. They will use these ideas to create summaries. A summary is a short description of the key details in a text. It includes only the most important information.

Read through the article again, one paragraph at a time, and work together as a class to create a short summary (one or two sentences) for each paragraph. Use the sample answers below as a guide:

- Paragraph 1: Armadillos are small animals that live in the desert.
- Paragraph 2: Armadillos are covered in plates that look like armor.
- Paragraph 3: Armadillos got their name because of this armor.



- Paragraph 4: There are 20 kinds of armadillos, and most of them live in Latin America.
- Paragraph 5: Armadillos might look like turtles, but they're actually related to anteaters and sloths.
- Paragraph 6: Armadillos can be many sizes and colors.
- Paragraph 7: Armadillos' hard plates protect them from predators.
- Paragraph 8: Armadillos live in warm areas such as deserts and rain forests. They dig holes in the ground.
- Paragraph 9: Armadillos eat insects. They use their sense of smell to find food.
- Paragraph 10: Because armadillos have poor eyesight, they sometimes get run over by cars.
- Paragraph 11: If people see an armadillo, they should stay back. Armadillos can jump and carry diseases.

Evaluation

Could students identify the most important details in each paragraph?

Standards

This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.2, 1.4).

