3-5: BOOK DIORAMA

Related academic subjects: fine arts, language arts, science or social studies.

Teachers: For safety reasons, please cut out the windows in each box beforehand.

1. Read a fiction or non-fiction book.

2. Think of a theme or a scene from the book that you want to focus on.

3. Make a list of items that are related to this theme or scene.

4. Draw these items on a piece of paper, color them, and cut them out.

5. You can also find magazine pictures that illustrate these items and cut them out.

6. Create a background collage with these images on a piece of colored or construction paper and glue it to the inside of the box.

7. Punch holes on the tops of the pictures that you want to hang, tie them to a piece of string, and tape them to the roof of the box.

8. Close the flaps of the box and seal them with tape.

9. Add any other decorations you want to the inside and outside of the box.

10. Share your favorite part of your diorama with your classmates.

MATERIALS:
1. Fiction or non-fiction books
2. Cereal boxes
3. 8.5” x 11” sheets of white and colored or construction paper
4. #2 pencils
5. Scissors
6. Colored pencils, crayons, markers, paint, and/or stickers
7. Magazines
8. Glue
9. String
10. Tape

BOOKS:

1. You Are Stardust, Elin Kelsey
2. Animal Habitats, Donald Silver and Patricia Wynne

WEBSITES:

1. Visual Book Report - Diorama, ABC Teach
2. Cereal Box Dioramas of Native American Cultures: A Collaborative Project, Audrey C. Rule et al.
3. Diorama Crafts for Kids, Enchanted Learning Software
4. Web Hunt: Dioramas Coming to Life, Scholastic