

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a better understanding of ocelots, including their habitat, diet, behavior, and importance in the ecosystem. The student will also create a fun project that showcases what they have learned about these fascinating animals.

Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencil or pen
- Colored pencils or markers
- Access to a computer or tablet (optional for research)

Before the lesson, it might be helpful to have a brief overview of ocelots, including some interesting facts that can be shared during the lesson.

Activities

1. Ocelot Facts Sheet

The student will create a fact sheet about ocelots. They can include information such as where ocelots live, what they eat, and any interesting behaviors. This will help them organize their thoughts and learn key facts.

2. Ocelot Drawing

Using colored pencils or markers, the student will draw an ocelot in its natural habitat. They can include trees, other animals, and anything else they think would be found in the ocelot's environment.

3. Ocelot Storytime

The student will write a short story featuring an ocelot as the main character. They can create an adventure for the ocelot, allowing their imagination to run wild while incorporating facts they learned.

Talking Points

- "Did you know that ocelots are mostly found in South and Central America? They love jungles and forests!"
- "Ocelots are really good hunters! They eat small animals like rodents, birds, and even reptiles. What do you think their favorite meal is?"
- "These cats are nocturnal, which means they are active at night. Can you imagine how cool it would be to see one in the wild?"
- "Ocelots have beautiful spotted fur that helps them blend in with their surroundings. Why do you think this is important?"
- "Unfortunately, ocelots are threatened by habitat loss and hunting. It's important to protect their

homes so they can thrive!"