

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand basic concepts of history and apply them to the study of dinosaurs.

Materials and Prep

- Dinosaur books or printouts
- Dinosaur toys or models
- Paper and coloring materials
- Access to a computer or tablet for online research (optional)

Activities

1. Introduction to Dinosaurs: Show the student pictures or models of different dinosaurs. Discuss their names, sizes, and characteristics. Encourage the student to ask questions and share any prior knowledge they may have.
2. Dinosaur Coloring: Provide the student with dinosaur coloring pages or blank paper to draw their own dinosaurs. Encourage them to use their imagination and creativity.
3. Dinosaur Research: If access to a computer or tablet is available, guide the student to search for more information about dinosaurs online. Help them find interesting facts or videos to watch.
4. Dinosaur Timeline: Create a simple timeline on paper or a whiteboard. Discuss with the student the different periods of the Mesozoic Era (Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous) and place the dinosaurs they learned about on the timeline.
5. Dinosaur Storytelling: Ask the student to create a short story involving dinosaurs. Encourage them to use their knowledge of dinosaurs and incorporate historical elements.

First Grade Talking Points

- "Today, we are going to learn about dinosaurs, which lived a long time ago."
- "Dinosaurs were big animals that looked different from the animals we have today."
- "Some dinosaurs were very large, like the Brachiosaurus, and others were small, like the Velociraptor."
- "Dinosaurs lived in different time periods called the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods."
- "We can learn about dinosaurs by looking at their fossils, which are the remains of their bones or footprints they left behind."
- "Paleontologists are scientists who study dinosaurs and try to figure out how they lived."
- "Dinosaurs are extinct, which means they no longer exist. They disappeared a long time ago."
- "We can use our imagination to create stories about dinosaurs and what their lives might have been like."