



Raptor Resource Project Lesson Plans

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Lesson Plan: Vocabulary Development

Grade/Levels	Elementary, Middle School
Time Allotment	30 minutes, multiple times throughout the school year
Content Area(s)	Language Arts (Vocabulary), Life Science, Art

Objectives

Students will understand the meaning of words connected with Bald Eagles and be able to use them in their reading, speaking, and writing.

Curricular Connections

- Use words acquired through reading, being read to, and conversation to discuss and write about a given subject.
- Demonstrate command of the conventions of grammar and usage when reading, writing, and speaking.

Instructional Materials

Student journals or other writing materials, student ABC books, art supplies.

Resources

- Classroom/library books pertaining to Bald Eagles
- *The Bald Eagle* by Joe Gaspar or other books as they are available
- Decorah bald eagle cam and educational chat:
<https://www.raptorresource.org/classroom/>
- Vocabulary Development Slideshow: <https://bit.ly/2K76eeR>
- Bald Eagle ABC Book (at the end of this lesson plan)

Background Knowledge

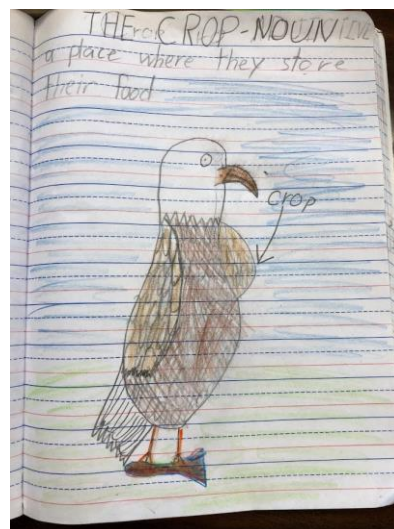
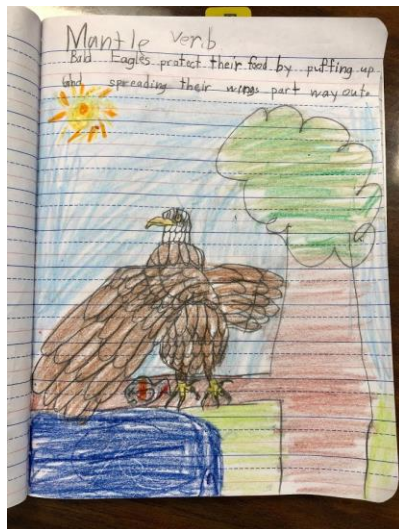
- A background about Bald Eagles is helpful but not necessary as students build their vocabulary connected with Bald Eagles throughout the school year.
- As appropriate to the grade level, teach nouns, verbs, and adjectives. (My class taught verbs to transitional kindergarten students)

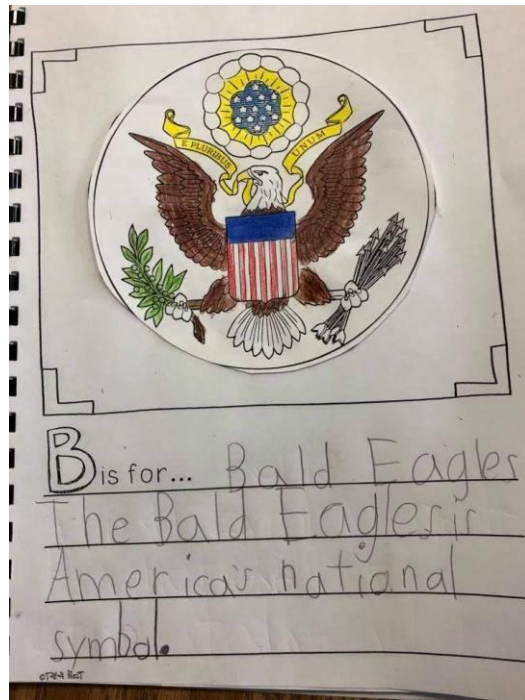
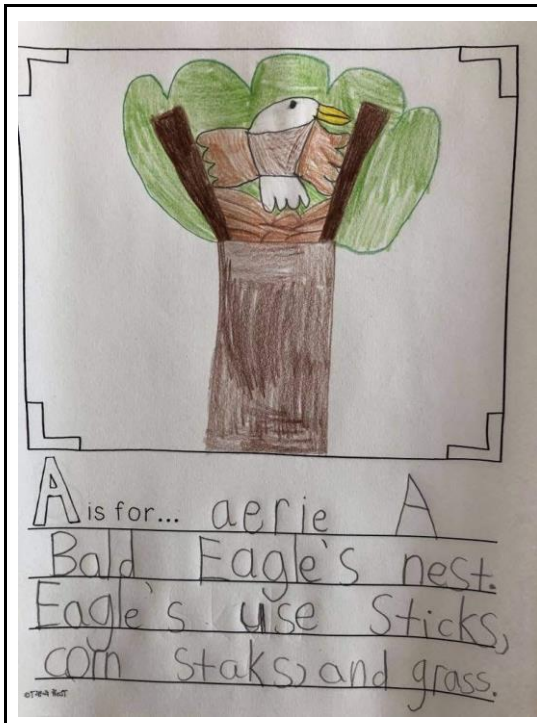
Opener

Ask students to brainstorm a list of words they know that pertain to Bald Eagles. List them on chart paper. Read the book, *The Bald Eagle* by Joe Gaspar as an introduction. Add vocabulary words from the book to the list. Words will be added throughout the year.

Procedure/Method/Activity

- Choose a word to enter in journals or ABC books. As a class, discuss what the word means, and agree on a kid friendly definition. Write the definition and, when appropriate to the grade level, identify the part of speech. Write the definition on the board and project a picture that demonstrates this word. Students will enter the word and definition in their journals or ABC books and illustrate the word.





Assessment

Students will use the vocabulary they have acquired along with other knowledge to write a class book about Bald Eagles.

Extension

- The vocabulary learned here can be used when writing informational paragraphs covering topics about Bald Eagles and other birds.
- Write class books specifically including nouns or verbs, possibly sharing them with other eagle classrooms.