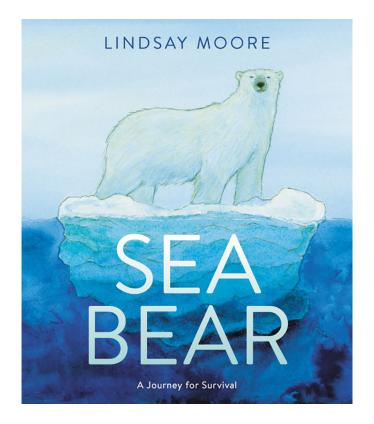
S.T.E.A.M. Project: ARCTIC ANIMAL RESEARCH MOBILE



Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival by Lindsay Moore (Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins 2019)

Purpose:

This project was created to encourage students to further explore the Arctic ecosystem described in the picture book, *Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival*, through art and research. The purposes of this S.T.E.A.M. based mobile project are to learn about the Arctic, practice research skills, build scientific communication skills, use fine motor skills, and encourage science, ocean and climate literacy. The project can be completed in groups or by individuals and is easily modified to meet the needs of different classrooms.

Supplies:

2 sheets of card stock
3x5 notecards
2 empty cereal boxes
scissors
glue stick
hole punch
string
colored pencils, crayons, paint, markers, or other art supplies
Sea Bear and other reference materials
beads or other decorative items for stringing (optional)

Directions:

- 1. Read Sea Bear: A Journey for Survival out loud as a class.
- 2. Have students research animals, ideally from other resources, but Sea Bear can be used.
- 3. Have students write facts about each animal on individual notecards.
- 4. Either print animals provided ahead of time on card stock paper **or** have students draw their own and color in.
- 5. Glue card stock drawing to flattened cereal boxes for extra stability.
- 6. Punch holes.
- 7. Hang with string.
- 8. Optional: String beads or other decorative items on mobile.

Other Recommended Titles:

If Polar Bears Disappeared by Lily Williams
The Polar Bear by Jenni Desmond

Other Ideas:

- Make animals to scale.
- Make a food chain or food web
- Add more or different animals

Online Resources:

Polar Bears International http://polarbearsinternational.org/polar-bears
Narwhal FAQ by Dr. Kristin Laidre https://staff.washington.edu/klaidre/narwhal-faq/

