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Lesson Plan/Activity

Play: Survivor!

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Objectives and Goals

Students will practice their thinking skills as they problem solve while role playing.

In addition students will practice reading, creative problem solving, public speaking, memorization, and role playing.

Anticipatory Set

Provide fact sheets, photos or brief video about creative problem solving. Some good sources for creative problem solving process :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFYLeT9q8tk>, *Pickles, Problems, and Dilemmas* (Draze), *Big Tools for Young Thinkers*, Keller-Mathers.

Have students share ideas about

Direct Instruction

Brain Storm session getting ideas from all students about what they can do to stop water pollution.

Several students will write ideas on a poster.

Students break into at least 4 groups.

Each group picks their favorite idea about water pollution prevention from the brainstorm session.

Each group elaborates on the idea by either making up a newscast, poem, or rap about their chosen topic. They have ten minutes to complete the project,

Each group presents back to the rest of class.

Extending the Learning

Have students work to create a class mural about water pollution. Ideally this is a project that can be worked on by small groups throughout a week or two so that the ideas may have time to grow and the students have adequate time to reflect.

Vocabulary

Ocean

Percent

Spirit

Precipitation

Cloud

Beautiful

Cycle

Cause

Effect

Evaporation