Learning-Focused Lesson Plan

Topic: Ecology

Learning Goals for this Lesson **Students Will Know:**

- How to classify organisms according to their role in the food chain or food web.
- How to interpret how materials and energy are transferred through an ecosystem.

Standards:

- SPI 0607.2.1 Classify organisms as producers, consumers, scavengers, or decomposers according to their role in a food chain or food web.
- SPI 0607.2.2 Interpret how materials and energy are transferred through an ecosystem.

Students Will Be Able To:

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- Classify organisms according to their role in the food chain or web.
- Interpret how materials and energy are transferred through an ecosystem.

Lesson Essential Question

How can you determine the value of each organism in a food chain through the distribution of energy?

Activating Strategy: Oakley STEM Center Ecology Food Web Game

Key vocabulary to preview and vocabulary strategy: abiotic, biome, biosphere, biotic, cause and effect, climate change, scavengers.

Lesson instruction	
Learning Activity 1 – (Two days) K-W-L chart on food chains / web; cut and paste with review discussion	Graphic Organizer
	K-W-L chart; food web cut
Assessment Prompt for LA 1	and paste; pyramid
Completed K-W-L	classification chart
Learning Activity 2 –(One day) Pyramid classification chart (coloring	
and labeling)	
Assessment Prompt for LA 2: Correctly Completed pyramid	

Learning Activity 3 – (Three days) Energy transfer:	Assignment:
1) Rule 10, with pyramid in journal	Create a food web to
2) PowerPoint with energy transfer notes	demonstrate the transfer of
3) Loss of a level and the consequences	energy through each
	organism. Use magazines,
Assessment Prompt for LA 3	computers, hand-drawn
Exit ticket: Energy transfer scenario	pictures, etc

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