

Elephanatics' Lesson Plans



Primary Lessons

Different Lives Lesson Plan

Gr. 3-5

Students learn to empathize with elephants while learning the differences between African and Asian elephants and comparing elephant lives in the wild versus captive elephants used for the tourist industry. [<link>](#)

Materials Links:

- [The Asian Elephant Foundation Watch video \(10:26 min\) <link>](#)
- [African Elephants by Andre and Anita Gilden video \(1:37 min\) <link>](#)
- [Asian elephant from Arkive.org by Wild Images video \(2:40 min\) <link>](#)
- Copies of student sheet (one for each student)- How are African and Asian Elephants Different? [<link>](#)
- Copies of student sheet (one for each student)- Elephant Silhouettes [<link>](#)

Additional Activities Links:

- Working individually or in small groups, have students create posters about elephants lives in the tourist and entertainment industries. A useful site is [<link>](#)
- Fundraise for the elephants! Elephanatics has developed a fundraising kit that you can order [<link>](#)

Elephants Matter Too Lesson Plan

Gr. 3-6

Students learn to recognize similar characteristics between humans and elephants while identifying emotions that humans and elephants have in common. [<link>](#)

Materials Links:

- [Elephants Never Forget video by IFAW \(19:27 min\) <link>](#)
- [Baby Elephant Chasing Birds YouTube video \(1:10 min\) <link>](#)

Additional Activities Links:

- Watch the video "Wild Elephants "Mourn" Their Dead by National Geographic which (1:38 minutes) [<link>](#) This video fits well with activity 3
- Watch a herd respond when it thinks a baby elephant is stuck in the mud video (2:33 minutes) [<link>](#)
- Watch as a mother protects her baby from a pack of wild dogs (2:00 minutes) [<link>](#)
- Visit a website created by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and Elephant Voices that translates your voice, text or emoji into Elephant [<link>](#)
- Fundraise for the elephants! Elephanatics has developed a fundraising kit that you can order [<link>](#)

Are Elephants Colour Blind?

Ages 8-11

Students explore whether or not elephants are colorblind [<link>](#)

Materials Links:

- Link that gives an example of a person who is red/green color deficient (deuteranopia). Elephants are dichromic in daylight and would see the world similarly: [<link>](#)

Secondary Lessons

Drawing a Line Lesson Plan

Gr. 8-12

Students create concept maps and explain the ivory trade while contemplating multiple views on a controversial issue [<link>](#)

Materials Links:

- Drawing a Line PPT [<link>](#)
- Video "How Captive Elephants are Trained in the Tourism Industry" [<link>](#)
- Copies of Activity 2 cards. One for each student, cut apart and put into envelopes (one envelope per student) [<link>](#)
- Copies of Elephant use cards. Copy on different color paper. Each copy contains two sets, 8 cards each. You will need enough for each student to have one set of 8 cards [<link>](#)

Additional Activities Links:

- Have your students research more into the different uses of animals discussed in Activity 2 using pro and con animal organizations (some possible research websites below)
 - Animal Protection Organizations:
 - www.ifaw.org, www.farmsanctuary.org, www.hsus.org, www.asPCA.org, www.peta.org, www.aavs.org
 - Pro-Use Organizations:
 - www.aza.org, www.consumerfreedom.com, <https://www.feldentertainment.com/PressRoom/CorporatePressKit>, <https://speakingofresearch.com/get-involved/ucla-pro-test/>

Elephants and Ivory Lesson Plan

Gr. 8-12

Students create concept maps and explain the ivory trade while contemplating multiple views on a controversial issue [<link>](#)

Materials Links:

- Concept Maps PDF [<link>](#)
- A Brief History of the Ivory Trade information from Elephanatics.org website [<link>](#)
- Video "Battle for the Elephants: The History of the Ivory Trade" Produced by National Geographic Television 2013 [<link>](#)

Additional Activities Links:

- Visit National Geographic's website Battle for the Elephants [<link>](#) and watch additional videos: o
 - A Natural History of the African Elephant
 - The Economics of the Illicit Ivory Trade
 - Trafficking Poached Ivory
 - Craft or Species
 - Tanzania's Ivory Stockpiles
 - Altered Elephant Behavior
 - Partners in Elephant Conservation