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Subject of Lesson: ELA/Science

Specific Topic: Dinosaurs Before Dark Activity

Time Estimate: 30 minutes over 2 days

Grade Level: 4th

**I. Lesson Objectives:**

Students will be able to gather research about a chosen dinosaur and present their research.

**II. Preparation**

The purpose of this lesson is to:

Have students gain more knowledge about dinosaurs after reading **Dinosaurs Before Dark** by Mary Pope Osborne.

NYS ELA COMMON CORE CURRICULUM

* CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.4.2.d

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

* CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.4.7

Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic.

* CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.4.4

Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace.

**Materials and Resources:**

* Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne
* Direction sheet for each student

**III. Procedures**

**Anticipatory Set**

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| Steps |
| 1. Show students a brain pop video about dinosaurs 2. Ask them if they would like to go back in time to when Dinosaurs were alive like Jack and Annie did in the book. |

**Body Of Lesson/ Lesson Development**

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| Steps |
| 1. Day 1:   -Assign students a type of Dinosaur  -Have students go to the computer lab to gather important facts about their assigned dinosaur (what they ate, where they lived, size, etc.)   1. Have students take out their “fact books” with their notes on dinosaurs. |

**IV. Follow-Up Activities: Independent Practice, Enrichment, or Reinforcement**

**Evaluation**

How did students become involved in the lesson?

Did all the students reach the objective? (If not, describe the differences).

How did the students practice or “test” their newly acquired understandings or skills?

**Of Teaching Processes**

What went well?

What could be improved?