



SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Rhino Rally

K-3 Classroom Activities

Rhino ID Wheel

OBJECTIVE

The student will identify five species of rhinoceros, their habitats, and endangered status.

Before activity preparation: Use the pie-shaped piece on page 5 to precut the top viewing plate. Older students may be able to cut their own. Make a sample wheel following the instructions below. *Note:* For beginning writers, use rhino wheel with tracing letters.

ACTION

1. Distribute copies of rhino wheel, crayons, and/or markers. Ask students to color the rhinos. As they color, talk about the rhino's horns (one or two?), the shape of lips (big, square, pointed?), and location of other body parts (eyes, ears, mouth).
2. After students finish coloring, read the description of each rhino and ask students to identify the rhino on the wheel. When correct, students can write the name below the picture. For beginning writers, write the name on the board to copy, or trace the letters on wheel. When finished, ask students to color around the rhinos (grass, water, etc.).
3. To create the Rhino ID Wheel, distribute scissors and have students cut along the outside black line. Distribute glue and one paper plate. Have students glue the Rhino Wheel to the BACK of the paper plate.
4. Distribute second paper plate with the precut viewing area. If students are cutting their own, distribute copies of the template on page 5 for students to trace.
5. Place the plate with the "viewing area" on top of the other plate with the rhino pictures and connect the two through the center circle with a paper fastener.
6. When completed, have students turn the top plate to see the rhinos underneath.

DISCUSSION

At this point, the students will be able to align their "viewing area" over each species as you talk about the differences between them, their habitats, and populations (see Background Information). See if students can quiz each other (like the game "20 Questions"), either in student pairs or as a class.

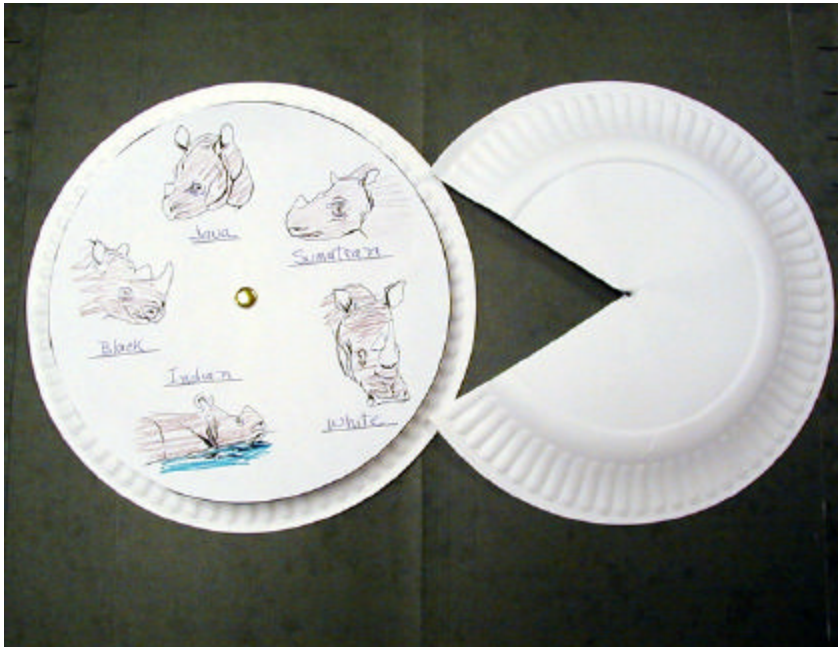
MATERIALS

Per student:

- one copy of rhino species wheel (see page 3 and 4)
- crayons or markers
- two paper plates, 9" (23 cm) diameter, one precut with viewing area
- copy of wheel template (see page 5)
- scissors
- glue
- tape
- paper fastener

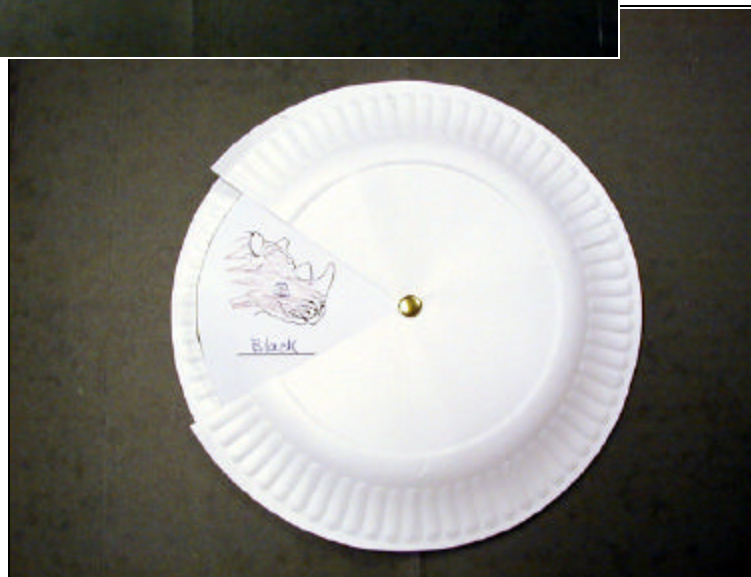
Per class:

- stiff cardboard, 9" in (23 cm) diameter
- copy of Background Information



(Top) The Rhino ID Wheel with the worksheet pasted on bottom plate. Top plate has viewing area cut out.

(Bottom) The Rhino ID Wheel is assembled and ready to turn.



Rhino ID Wheel



Rhino ID Wheel

with tracing letters



Java



Sumatran



Black

Indian



White



Rhino ID Wheel

template for pie-shaped
cut out on top plate

