



FOOD CHAIN ACTIVITY

Objective: To show students what a food chain looks like

Supplies Needed:

Paper plates

String

Hole Puncher

Drawing materials: markers, paint, crayons, and/or pencil crayons OR pictures of animals from magazines and books

Glue (if using pictures)

Coat Hanger

Instructions:

Step 1. Determine which ecosystem you would like to highlight (eg. African Savannah)

Step 2. Draw or paste a picture on paper plate of animals that would be found in the ecosystem you would like to highlight (eg. dung beetle, giraffe, lion, etc...)

Step 2. Arrange each plate in order, starting with the first element of the food chain, ending with the last (eg. sun, plant, herbivore, omnivore, carnivore, scavenger, decomposer)

Step 4. Once you have the last plate representing your food chain, hole punch a hole in each plate in such a way that a string pulled through each hole would position the plates together in the proper order

Step 5. Using a coat hanger, you should be able to arrange the plates in a way that can be hung up in your classroom (optional)

Other suggestion: Have students each make a plate with an element of their chosen food chain and link with other plates until a food web is created

