

Lesson Plan

Southern Truth

Book: *The Climate Crisis in the South*

Series: The Climate Crisis in America

Level: Navigator

Objective

To help students practice identifying true and false statements based on information from a text about the climate crisis in the South.

Supplies

- Several copies of *The Climate Crisis in the South*
- Southern Truth worksheet (attached)
- Pencils

Before the Activity

Print a copy of the worksheet for each student. Read *The Climate Crisis in the South* out loud as a class, or assign it to students to read on their own.

Activity

Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Explain that the worksheet has several sentences about the climate crisis in the South. Some are true, but others are false. Students should use the information they learned from the book to determine whether each sentence is correct. If a sentence is true, they should write the letter T in the blank beside it. If a sentence is false, they should write an F.

First, give students time to try to complete the worksheet on their own. Then, divide students into pairs. Give each pair a copy of the book. Students should use the book to find answers they could not complete before and check their answers. Remind students to pay attention to fact boxes and infographics in addition to the book's main text.

Evaluation

Collect the worksheets at the end of class. Use the attached answer key to give each pair 1 point for each correct answer, for up to 12 points total.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational text, grades 4–7 (RI 4.1, 4.4, 4.7; 5.1, 5.4; 6.1, 6.4, 6.7; 7.4).

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3. Arkansas is part of the region called the South. _____
4. Warmer air can hold less moisture than cooler air. _____
5. Indigenous peoples in the South did not use crop rotation. _____
6. Mosquitos can carry the West Nile Virus. _____
7. Higher temperatures are making droughts less severe. _____
8. Rising sea levels affect people near the coast the most. _____
9. Bison are harmful to Oklahoma's grasslands. _____
10. Using fossil fuels contributes to climate change. _____
11. Trees can soak up carbon dioxide from the air. _____
12. The South does not experience many severe weather events. _____

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