



**Grade Level:**

PreK-K

**Subject Area:**

Social Studies  
Science

**WMELS:**

Listening and Understanding:

Derives meaning through listening:

A.EL.1

Exploration, Discovery and

Problem Solving:  
Multi-Sensory

Experiences: A.EL.1

Mathematical Thinking:

Comparison and Patterning: B.EL.4

Scientific Thinking:

Observation: C.EL.1

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# African Safari

## Lesson Guide

**Program Overview:**

By participating in the African Safari program, children will become familiar with the animals of Africa along with the different natural environments and cultures.

**Background:**

Africa is like North America in that there are different environments, but these have different names: rainforests are places where much rain provides vegetation and habitats. Grasslands are the outer edge surrounding the rainforest. It provides patches of grass and some rain allows for farming. A desert has little rain and few plants. There are small areas of waterholes where animals gather to drink or hunt. Deciduous Forest and chaparral are a small part of Africa, offering vegetation and different types of climates.

**Student Objectives:**

1. To discuss the diversity of life found in Africa.
2. To interact with specimens and artifacts from the museum collections.
3. To observe how people and animals interact in Africa through a tour.

**Assessment:**

1. Children will have identified and investigated the physical qualities of living and non-living things in Africa.
2. Children will have learned new information about the interdependence of life in an environment, sharing through conversations and interactions in the exhibit.
3. Children will apply knowledge and skills discussed and observed during the program through hands on activity stations in the classroom.

**Program Vocabulary:**

Chaparral: an area of dense thicket of bushes or small trees

Desert: an area of land, usually in very hot climates, that consists only of sand, gravel, or rock with little or no vegetation, no permanent bodies of water, and erratic rainfall

Forest: a large area of land covered in trees and other plants growing close together

Grassland: land on which grass or low green plants are the main vegetation

Rainforest: a thick evergreen tropical forest found in areas of heavy rainfall and containing trees with broad leaves that form a continuous canopy

**Enrichment Vocabulary:**

Animal	Camouflage	Gazelle	Growth
Kudu	Okapi	Predator	Prey
Seasons	Weather		

**Procedure:**

Meet your Museum educator at the bottom of the grand staircase on the ground level five minutes before your scheduled program start time.