

History of Wildlife Management Lesson Plan

Grades: 8 - 12

Length of Program: 45 minutes

Time of Year: Year round

Preferred Adult/ Student Ratio: 1/10

Summary:

Through a slide presentation, your class will learn about the events leading to the birth of the science of Wildlife Management. They will also look at some case studies in which wildlife management has played an important role.

Teacher Preparation:

None

Academic Standards Addressed:

Environmental Education

B.8.3 Explain the importance of biodiversity

B.8.5 Give examples of human impact on various ecosystems

B.12.5 Analyze past and current trends in ecosystem degradation and species extinction

B.12.7 Evaluate the importance of biodiversity

B.8.15 Analyze how people impact their environment through resource use

B.8.23 Identify governmental and private agencies responsible for environmental protection and natural resource management

B.8.24 Create a timeline of Wisconsin history in resource management

Special Instructions:

None

Materials:

- The History of Wildlife Management slideshow

Procedure:

Through a classroom style talk chronicle the events leading to the development of wildlife management as well as changes in management theory and the agencies responsible for managing our wildlife today. Explain how wildlife management is used as a tool, to benefit wildlife populations, using specific examples. Include a discussion on how humans interact with and impact wildlife and their habitat on a daily basis.

Wrap-up:

Discuss the importance of biodiversity and the role of hunting in wildlife management today for maintaining a balance between humans and wildlife.