

Flora



Story Summary

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Lesson Focus

Flowers

Book Information

Run Time	5:21
Author	Yoojin Kim
Illustrator	Kathryn Selbert
Narrator	Tricia Brioux
Publisher	Jumping Jack Press
Ages	3–8
Genre	Nonfiction
Text Structure	Flower facts with illustrations
Themes & Ideas	Flora
Language & Literary Features	Adjectives
Sentence Complexity	Simple sentences
Vocabulary	humble, annual, perennial, stunning, brilliant, exceptional, critters, flit, armored, flourish, flexible, enriched, survive, thrive
Special Vocabulary	flora, botanical, bud, bloom, root, sprouts, scents, hue, pollination, floral, nectar, pollen, aquatic
Illustrations	Beautiful, colorful illustrations give life to flower facts.

Activity Ideas

Writing/Drawing

How has your life been enriched by flowers?

Flower Fact Cards

Provide pictures and names of different flowers and have children research and write facts about the flowers on the cards.

Additional activities can be found in the following pages of this document.

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Discuss the story and write your answers together.

What is *Flora* about?

Have you ever been to a flower garden? If you have, describe your experience. If you have not, would you like to visit a flower garden? Why?

What is your favorite flower? Why?

What was your favorite fact from *Flora*?

What is your favorite fruit that starts as a flower?



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Pause at the indicated time stamps and discuss the story

0:27

Can you point out the bud and the bloom in this picture?

0:38

During which months does spring occur?

0:50

What humble beginnings do all flowers share?

1:18

Can you name some annual plants?
Can you name some perennial plants?

2:00

What is pollination?

2:35

What are some animals and insects that are fed from the nectar of plants?

2:45

Why is pollen called a “dusty gift”?

3:58

What are some flowers that produce fruit?

4:38

What are some aquatic plants?

After viewing the Book:

1. What are some insects and animals that help spread seeds?
2. What are some insects and animals that help pollinate?
3. What are some purposes of plants?

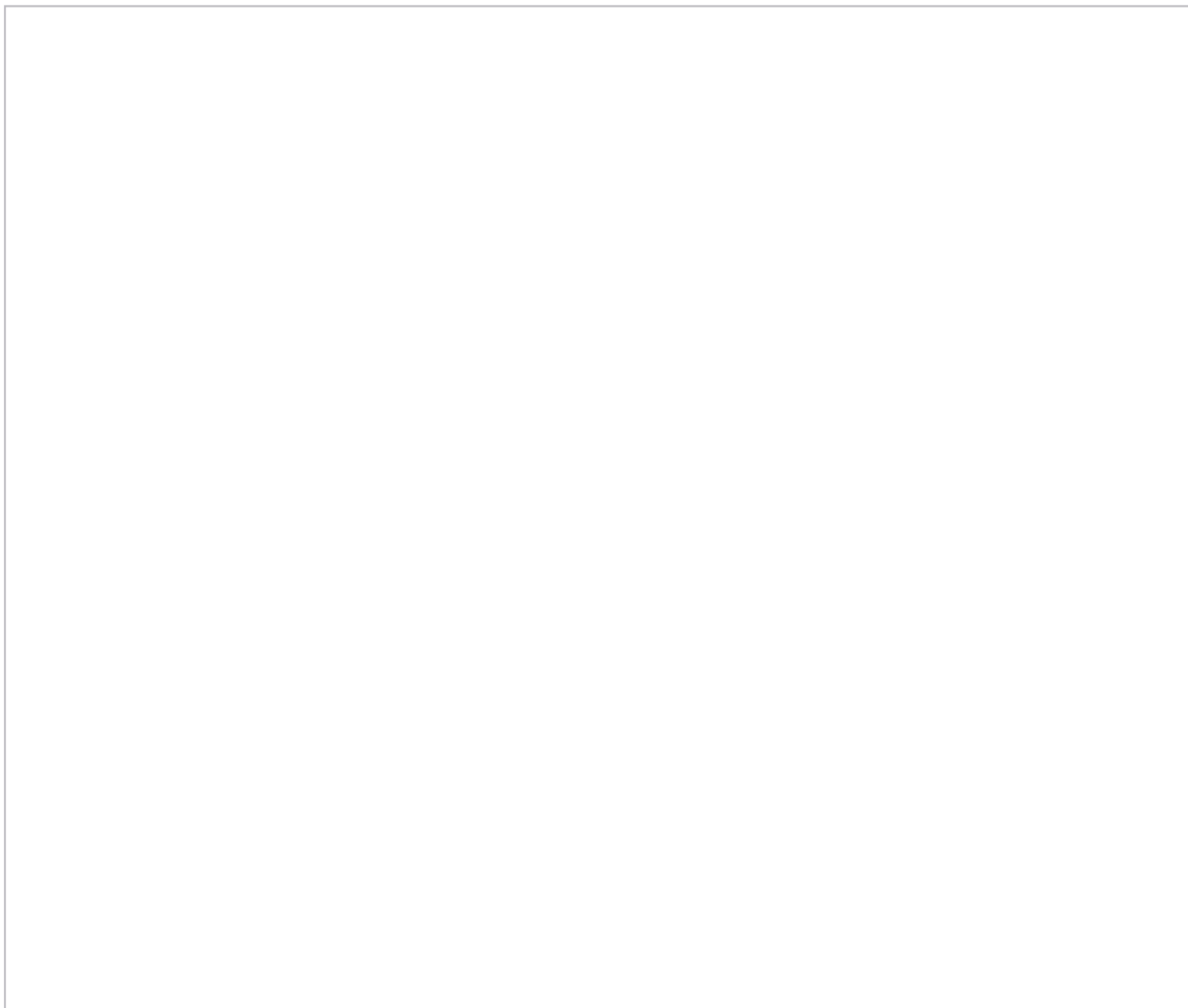




🎨 Drawing and Writing

NAME _____

Draw a picture of your favorite flower. Write a description of the flower and tell why you like it?





Flower KWL Chart

NAME _____

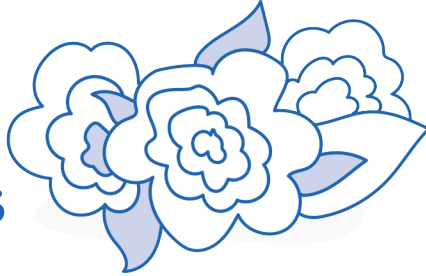
Make a KWL chart about flowers.

1. Write down what you already **know** about flowers.
2. What do you **want** to learn about flowers.
3. Research to find the answers to your questions and write down what you **learned**.



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What I K now	What I W ant to Know	What I L earned



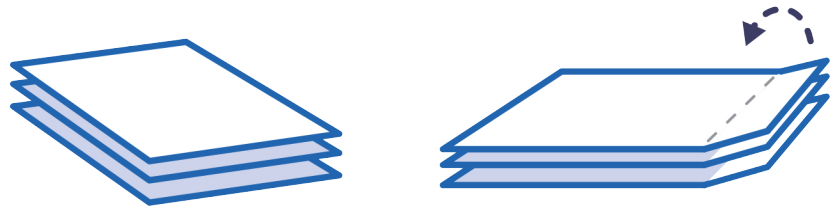
🕒 Tissue Paper Flowers

Materials

- Pipe cleaner (1 per flower)
- 3 sheets (12-by-6-inch sheets or larger) of colored tissue paper
- Ruler
- Scissors

Directions

1. Cut 3 sheets of tissue paper 12-by-6-inches or larger and stack them on top of each other.
2. Starting with the shorter 6 inch side, make a 1 inch fold.
3. Once you have made a 1-inch fold in your stacked tissue paper edge, turn your tissue paper stack over for the next fold, then turn it back for the fold after that, making an accordion-style narrow strip of tissue paper.
4. Use scissors to round the edges of both sides of the stacked accordion-style tissue paper.
5. Fold your rounded stacked tissue paper in half. Open up and place the end of the pipe cleaner on the folded line.
6. Wrap the pipe cleaner on the folded line to make the stem of your flower.
7. Gently start opening up both sides of your flower.
8. Separate the tissue paper sheets to unfold the petals of your flower.
9. Repeat all steps to create a bouquet of flowers.



Step 1

Step 2



Step 3



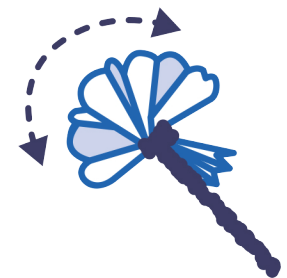
Step 4



Step 5



Step 6



Step 7



Step 8

