

Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers



RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

THINK-TAC-TOE ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- ◆ Individual students can choose an activity to complete.
- ◆ Student pairs or cooperative groups can work together on a choice of their own.
- ◆ Educator can assign an activity for an individual, pairs, or groups.

<p>POLLINATION PROBLEMS</p> <p>Honeybees traveling from flower to flower collect nectar to make honey. Write a short story or draw a comic strip about a poor honeybee who's allergic to flowers. What does he do? Does the queen bee get mad at him for not working?</p> <p><i>Writing, Science</i></p>	<p>BULB BASICS</p> <p>The Netherlands are famous for their colorful tulips, which grow in bulbs. How is a bulb different than a seed? Draw a diagram of a bulb and a seed. Compare them using a Venn diagram or other chart.</p> <p><i>Science, Art</i></p>	<p>WHAT'S IN A NAME?</p> <p>Some flowers have creative names based on what they look like, like "bluebonnets" or "lady's slippers." Make up a new flower and draw a picture of it. Think of a name. Why would people give your flower that name?</p> <p><i>Art, Writing</i></p>
<p>CAREER OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>Miss Lady Bird is passionate about wildflowers. What are <i>you</i> passionate about? How could you turn your passion into a career? Research to find out what jobs relate to your interest. How could you get one of those jobs?</p> <p><i>Careers, Social Studies</i></p>	<p>ACCORDING TO PLAN</p> <p>Washington, DC, is a planned city, which means someone <i>designed</i> it to be beautiful and functional. Design your own city using graph paper or www.citycreator.com. Write a paragraph to explain the reasoning behind your design. Don't forget to name your city!</p> <p><i>Engineering, Science, Technology, Art</i></p>	<p>DEAR SIR OR MADAM</p> <p>Miss Lady Bird is worried about keeping plants from becoming <i>extinct</i>. Write a letter to the editor explaining how important it is to protect our wildflowers. Give reasons to support your argument. Remember to use letter format!</p> <p><i>Writing, Science, Social Studies</i></p>
<p>BLOSSOMING FRIENDSHIP</p> <p>The beautiful cherry blossom trees in Washington, DC, were a gift from Japan 100 years ago. Make a Venn diagram or other chart to compare Tokyo, Japan, with Washington, DC. On the back of your paper, include three facts about the cherry blossom tree.</p> <p><i>Social Studies, Science</i></p>	<p>MEASURING UP</p> <p>The tallest sunflower ever was over 26 feet tall. How many inches are in 26 feet? How many yards? Measure yourself to find out how tall you are. How do you compare to the sunflower? How many inches taller is it than you are?</p> <p><i>Math, Science</i></p>	<p>FLOWER FACTS</p> <p>Use the plant database at www.wildflower.org/plants to look up some of the flowers from the book. Choose five flowers and make a PowerPoint about them. Where do they grow? When? How tall do they reach? What colors are the blooms? Include pictures in your PowerPoint</p> <p><i>Technology, Science</i></p>