



ThemeWorks: Under the Ground



IN A NUTSHELL

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SUBJECTS

Fine Arts
Health
Language Arts
Mathematics
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ThemeWorks: Under the Ground offers a number of ideas for teachers of young children who are putting together a unit on animals and other things under the ground. The unit kicks off with a hunt for buried treasure in the classroom. Studies of underground animals (such as moles, worms, groundhogs, bats, and ants) and plants (seeds, peanuts, and carrots) follow. Subways and caves are also examined. Activities include songs, games, recipes, plays, craft projects, riddles, stories, experiments with soil types, and growing plants from seeds. In the culminating activity, "Carnival in the Caves", students dress up as underground animals or as people who work underground. Contains numerous illustrations, masters for picture cards, a resource list, and a curriculum chart.

Grade Level
K-3

Length
64 pages

Date Published
1991

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"Great for young kids. Teachers can get lots of ideas from this."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Information is factual. Materials encourage inquiry.	
	Depth	Very strong on fostering awareness.	
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Challenges learners to use critical and creative thinking skills.	
	Action Orientation	N o t A p p l i c a b l e .	
	Instructional Soundness	Material is learner-centered, and interdisciplinary. Different ways of learning are employed.	Does not state goals or objectives.
	Usability	Materials are adaptable and long-lived.	Text supplies little information or support for teachers.

"An effort is made to involve parents as well as students."

"It is obvious that a career educator developed these materials."