



Growing Together with the Treetures: Activity Guide Series 1



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SUBJECTS

Fine Arts
Health
Language Arts
Science

Treetures are imaginary characters crafted to help children learn about trees. With names such as Chlorophyllis, Rootie, and Arbor E. Tum, the characters provide mnemonics to teach important facts about trees and tree parts, and appear in stories that help explain tree biology. The book consists of two different sets of activities, one designed for K-3 and the other for grades 4-6. The K-3 section includes simple coloring and art activities that focus on identifying tree parts, making a Treeture book, and playing a photosynthesis game. The activities for 4-6 graders include experiments on transpiration, a community debate, tree word games, leaf rubbings, and other art projects, and lessons about tree products. Student worksheets and handouts are included. Illustrations consist of drawings, charts and diagrams.

Grade Level
preK-6

Length
58 pages

Date Published
1997

THE BOTTOM
L I N E

"A stimulating, creative approach to getting little ones into the magic that is trees."

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Includes tree stories from diverse cultures. Information appears accurate.	Affiliations of contributors not cited.
	Depth	Teaches different concepts for deferent age levels. Develops awareness of trees, their functions, and tree products.	
	Emphasis on Skills Building	Encourages use of imagination. Stresses skills throughout.	
	Action Orientation	N o t A p p l i c a b l e.	
	Instructional Soundness	Makes use of different ways of learning.	Provides minimal background information for teachers. Lacks goals and objectives. May be too simplistic for grades 5 or 6.
	Usability	Easily reproduced. Information is long-lived. Correlates activities to science benchmarks. Pages are easy to read and are clearly laid out.	Does not substantiate all claims.

"Too much time is spent introducing the cute but stereotypic characters."

"I really like that K-3 had their own book to follow along, to color, and to make their own."