

LESSON PLAN



Parliament Hill Cat Colony

Lesson Overview:

Students will work on their non-fiction reading skills while reading this article.

Materials Needed:

Video

- Video #1: [The Cat Colony of Parliament Hill](#)
- Video #2: [Meet Larry, the UK's Most Adorable Member of Government](#)

Photocopy a class set of or use the provided Google Slides version:

- K-W-L Chart
- Non-fiction article (regular or modified)
- Comprehension questions (regular or modified)
- Thinking questions (select 1)

Teacher Instructions:

1. Have students complete column 1 and 2 of the K-W-L chart independently or with a seat partner.
2. Show these videos:
 - Video #1: [The Cat Colony of Parliament Hill](#)
 - Video #2: [Meet Larry, the UK's Most Adorable Member of Government](#)
3. Have students read the article independently or using the audio file.
4. After, have students independently complete the comprehension questions. Collect the comprehension questions to grade once students have completed them.
5. Give students time to complete the long answer thinking question. Two options have been provided to assist with differentiation. Collect to assess once complete.

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ARTICLE QUESTIONS

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Name: _____

In 2000, what did the cat caregivers decide to do with the cats? Why? (2 marks)

Why was Parliament Hill Cat Colony closed?
What happened to the cat population?
(2 marks)

Why were the cat structures

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

K-W-L CHART

Topic: Parliament Hill Cat Colony

K

W

L

What do I already know about this topic?

What do I want to know about this topic?

What new things did I learn about this topic from the article?

COMPREHENSION

SAMPLE ANSWERS

1. Where is Parliament Hill located?

It is located in downtown Ottawa.

2. Why did the workers first bring cats to Parliament Hill?

They brought them because they had an extreme mouse problem.

3. Why did Rene Chartrand build wooden structures in the 1980s?

He built wooden structures to keep the cats warm in the winter.

4. How many cats lived in the colony by the 2000s?

In the 2000s, up to 30 cats lived there.

ANSWER KEY

THINKING QUESTION

Assessment	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Above Expectations
	✓-	✓	✓+

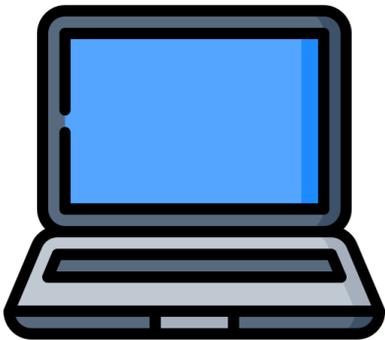
If you worked on Parliament Hill, what would you have done to support the cat colony? Explain your thinking.

JOURNAL ENTRY

LESSON FORMATS



PDF



Digital

✓ Google Slides



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in-person and online learning.