Lemur Puppets

This fun and simple craft allows students to create their very own lemur puppets. While assembling the ring-tailed lemur and red ruffed lemur puppets, students can see the differences between the various species of lemurs in Madagascar and their unique adaptations.

MATERIALS:

- lemur puppet templates
- brown paper bags
- construction paper or felt in the following colors: white, black, red, yellow, and pink
- scissors
- glue
INSTRUCTIONS (RING-TAILED LEMUR):

Step 1: Cut out each piece on the ring-tailed lemur template page: A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H.

Step 2: Cut out each piece on the body template page: I and J.

Step 3: Trace piece (A) FACE x1, (E) TAIL x1, and (J) BELLY x1 onto white construction paper or felt and cut out.

Step 4: Trace piece (C) EAR x2, (D) NOSE x1, (F) TOP OF HEAD x1, (G) OUTER EYE x2, (H) STRIPE x7, and (I) BODY x1 onto black construction paper or felt and cut out.

Step 5: Trace piece (B) EYE x2 onto yellow construction paper or felt and cut out. Draw or cut out and glue black pupils onto each of the yellow eyes.

Step 6: Assemble the face. Start with the white face piece on the bottom then glue the two black ears onto the upper edge of the white piece. Next, glue the black top of head piece between the ears (this will overlap the two ear pieces). Glue the yellow eyes onto the center of the black outer eye pieces, then glue each eye into place on the face. Glue the nose at the tip of the snout. See diagram. When complete, glue the face onto the bottom flap of the paper bag with the snout hanging off the edge of the bag.

Step 7: Assemble the body. Glue the smaller white belly onto the black body piece. When complete, glue the body onto the length of the paper bag, tucking the flat edge under the bottom flap.

Step 8: Assemble the tail. Evenly space the black stripes onto the white tail piece and glue into place. You may need to trim the stripes to line up with the width of the tail. When complete, glue the tail between the folds on the side of the paper bag.

Step 9: You may create and add arms and legs if desired.
INSTRUCTIONS (RED RUFFED LEMUR):

**Step 1:** Cut out each piece on the red ruffed lemur template page: A, B, C, D, E, and F.

**Step 2:** Cut out each piece on the body template page: I and J.

**Step 3:** Trace piece (A) FACE x1, (E) TAIL x1, and (J) BELLY x1 onto black construction paper or felt and cut out.

**Step 4:** Trace piece (C) EAR x2, (F) TOP OF HEAD x1, and (I) BODY x1 onto red construction paper or felt and cut out.

**Step 5:** Trace piece (B) EYE x2 onto yellow construction paper or felt and cut out. Draw or cut out and glue black pupils onto each of the yellow eyes.

**Step 6:** Trace piece (D) NOSE x1 onto pink construction paper or felt and cut out.

**Step 7:** Assemble the face. Start with the two red ear pieces on the bottom then glue the black face on top of the ears making sure the “ruffed” portion sticks out. Next, glue the red top of head piece between the ears. Glue each eye into place on the face. Glue the nose at the tip of the snout. See diagram. When complete, glue the face onto the bottom flap of the paper bag with the snout hanging off the edge of the bag.

**Step 8:** Assemble the body. Glue the smaller black belly onto the red body piece. When complete, glue the body onto the length of the paper bag, tucking the flat edge under the bottom flap.

**Step 9:** Attach the tail. Glue the tail between the folds on the side of the paper bag.

**Step 10:** You may create and add arms and legs if desired.