The Booklist Project

Focus: Arctic Life
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Theme-Arctic Life
Book Levels-K-5

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First Book about Animals of the Polar Regions

- [ISBN: 0-8368-2652-3]
- Available in-hard cover
- Grade Level: 1.8
- WIDA Level: Entering/Emerging
- Websites: http://a-z-animals.com/reference/polar-regions/
  http://www.123child.com/lessonplans/animals/polaranimals.php

This book introduces new readers to the cold habitats of arctic animals. Showing the homes of penguins, polar bears, beluga whales, and arctic foxes, this book describes where these animals live and what they do there. This very basic story with repetition and plenty of sight words would be great for beginning ELL to spark their interests in reading about arctic life animals.

What Lives in the Arctic?

- Available in-hard cover and paperback
- Grade Level: 3.8, Lexile 740
- WIDA Level: Emerging/Developing
- Websites: http://library.thinkquest.org/3500/animals.htm
  http://uniondale-socialstudies.wikispaces.com/Social+Studies+2+Unit+5+Lesson+21

This story is about all of the different types of animals that live in the Arctic. It describes the type of animal they are and also explains some fun facts about each animal. This is a great book for ELL’s because it explains each animal in great detail and has awesome illustrations to go along with the writing which the students can refer back to.
What Lives in Antarctica?

- Available in hard cover and paperback
- Grade Level: 3.3
- WIDA Level: Developing
- Websites: [http://www.inchinapinch.com/hab_pgs/polar/antarctica/animals.htm](http://www.inchinapinch.com/hab_pgs/polar/antarctica/animals.htm)  
  [http://www.units.muohio.edu/cryolab/education/AntarcticLessons.htm](http://www.units.muohio.edu/cryolab/education/AntarcticLessons.htm)  
  [http://uniondale-socialstudies.wikispaces.com/Social+Studies+2+Unit+5+Lesson+21](http://uniondale-socialstudies.wikispaces.com/Social+Studies+2+Unit+5+Lesson+21)

This story is about Antarctica, focusing on where it is on the map, what it looks like, and how the weather is there. This book goes into more detail about each animal living in Antarctica and gives great descriptions about the animals. The fun thing about this book is that there are captions on each page with fun facts, which is great for ELL to be able to go back and get a good and fast idea of the story or specific page, without having to read the entire story over again.

March of the Penguins

- Available in hard cover, paper back, and web based.
- Grade Level: 2-3
- WIDA Level: Developing
This interesting story is all about penguins. It discusses where they live, how they swim and for how long, how they walk for miles and miles to find food, and also how they mate. This book also mentions how the father must sit on their eggs to keep them warm, while the mothers search miles and miles for food. It then explains how they raise their babies to be grown and independent. This book would be great for ELL’s because the illustrations are beautiful and realistic, so they will be able to compare the words with the pictures to get a full effect of the story and realistic penguin life in the Arctic.

Polar Lands

- Available in-hard cover and paperback
- Grade Level: 3.0
- WIDA Level: Developing
- Related Links: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8edXnm4EGxs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8edXnm4EGxs)

This book breaks down the similarities between the Arctic and Antarctic regions by explaining them as the Polar Regions. It then discusses the different types of animals living there, along with the food chain. This story will explain to you about 11 different animals in the Polar Regions, and how they are born, how they grow, reproduce, and even die. The pictures and picture captions really make this book easy for an ELL to be able to navigate through the story more independently.

North-The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration

- Dowson, N. & Benson, P. (2011). North The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration. Publisher: Candlewick
This amazing story does a fabulous job explaining how and why so many different types of animals travel hundreds and thousands of miles north in the winter, then back to the arctic in the summer, where they eat and reproduce. This book is great for ELLs because it speaks of all different areas of the world, some of which they may be able to relate to. The story also explains how the animals work so hard to get what they need to survive, which is also what a lot of ELLs experience firsthand with their own families who may not have access to some things as easily as we do in America.

**Endangered Seals**

- ISBN: 0-7614-0292-6
- Available in hard cover and paperback.
- Grade Level: 2.5
- WIDA Level: Developing & Expanding
- Websites: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzwW0RA_KnE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzwW0RA_KnE)  

This wonderful book portrays all of the different types and seals and why they are endangered. It goes into deep detail about where the seals live, where they migrate to, what they eat, how big they are, and how long they live. This book also mentions how they hunt and get their food. This book would be good for ELLs because there are a lot of hands on activities related with this book that they can do to make it more realistic and memorable. Also, the seals are from all different areas of the world, which most ELLs may be able to relate to.

**Polar Bear Shrinking Ice**
This book is all about polar bears and where they live. It describes that only five countries have polar bear populations, the United States being one of them. It explains how they stay warm and cold, and how they get their food. This book also mentions how the polar bears train their young to be able to hunt for food and find survival and shelter. What makes this book great for ELLs are the fun fast facts about polar bears located in the back of the book. It really breaks down some important aspects such as their height, weight, life span, and population.

This book discusses the different ways that polar bears hunt for seals, and how they are able to swim in freezing cold ice water. This book also mentions the family lives of polar bears and how the mothers
take care of their cubs and train them for adult life. The book also mentions how they all travel together to go somewhere for survival. This book would be great for ELLs because they could relate to the family life and the travel aspects of it.

**Face to Face with Polar Bears**

- [ISBN: 978-1-4263-0139-1]
- Available in-hard cover and paperback.
- Grade Level: 5.2, Lexile 920
- WIDA Level: Bridging
- Websites: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACH64_0G31c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACH64_0G31c)  

This beautifully written and illustrated story is about a man and his wife who want nothing more than to photograph polar bears from up close. In the mean time of being face to face with such an animal, the man was almost eaten for dinner by one of them. In addition to almost being stuck in a snowdrift, and getting frost bite on his fingers, he continued to go back for more photos. This story portrays what happens to the photographer, and how he is able to capture the pictures, along with giving beautiful facts and pictures, great for English Language Learners.
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