Suggested Readings

The Frog Alphabet Book

The Frog Alphabet Book is a great book to read to your class before doing any of the amphibian lessons in this binder. The book gives information on an array of amphibians from A to Z and provides plenty of introductory information to excite students for the upcoming lessons on amphibians.

The Frog with the Big Mouth

This book is used in the Argentine Horned Frog lesson plan Diet: Argentine Horned Frog (Argentine Horned Frog 1). *The Frog with the Big Mouth* is used as an introduction to the abnormally wide-mouthed frog, the Argentine Horned Frog. Students will listen to the book read aloud and make predictions about what the frog would eat. The story of the big-mouthed frog is entertaining and will capture students’ attention and interest.

The Wide Mouthed Frog-A Pop up Book

A boisterous wide-mouthed frog cannot help but brag about his extremely wide mouth. He is so proud of his mouth and the foods he can eat that he wants to know how big his neighbor’s mouths are and what they can eat; that is, until he finds out that one of his neighbors is a crocodile with an even wider mouth than his! This book is a great addition to the lesson plan Diet: Argentine Frog (Argentine Horned Frog 1). It could also be used to provide context for extension activities.
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**Whose Teeth are These? (Whose? Animal Series)**

This book is used in the Coastal Range Newt lesson plan What Can We Eat with These Teeth? (Coastal Range Newt 1). This book shows the mouths and teeth of many animals and gets students thinking about what foods these animals could eat by just looking at their teeth. The book is used to introduce students to the different shaped teeth of animals. This book promotes student understanding of how to infer what foods an animal eats based on the shape of its teeth.

**Newts (Amphibians)**

This book has a simple straightforward overview of newts, their life cycle, and maps showing their natural habitats. Although the information is basic, the photographs allow students to get up close and personal with newts without having to travel all the way to the rainforest! This book will be a must-have resource for the Coastal Range Newt lesson Animal Detectives (Coastal Range Newt 2). It can be used at any information station during student exploration time as the book covers all aspects of newts. *Newts* can also be used to give students an introduction to the newt prior to bringing a live newt into the classroom.

**In the Small, Small Pond**

*In the Small, Small Pond* is used in the Pacific Chorus Frog lesson plan Pond Life (Pacific Chorus Frog 2). This book is a great introduction to the creatures that live in a pond and what they do there. In the lesson, the book will be used as an introduction to pond life. It will get students thinking about what things are found at or in a pond. Students will use the information in this book to help understand why the Pacific Chorus Frog lives in a pond. In addition to being a fun story, this book has fantastic illustrations that bring the pond and its creatures to life.
Toad by the Road: A Year in the Life of These Amazing Amphibians

This book beautifully incorporates poetry and science with rhythmic poems about the life of a toad. From hibernation to dangers to tadpole transformation, this book matches a toad’s life with the seasons and does so artfully. Toad by the Road is a great addition to either of the California Toad lessons (California Toad 1 or 2) as it fully incorporates all of the major milestones in a toad’s life in a fun and artistic manner.

Frog and Toad are Friends

Frog and Toad are Friends is a classic series of stories about friendship. This book will serve as a wonderful bridge between the lessons and language arts. Several of the stories relate to the hibernation and life at the pond, but they are mostly about the importance of friendship and acceptance. You can read one story from the book to wrap up a lesson and transition to your next lessons. This is a must-read for students of all ages.