## Lesson: Create a Dinosaur Illustration and Poem

**Standards**: 4th GradeLanguage Arts: (A) 4.1.1.8, (A):  4.2.1.4, (A) 4.2.2.2

**Objective:** Students will:

* learn researching techniques and cite references
* use research to integrate their knowledge into writing application
* illustrate their dinosaur featuring habitat that the dinosaur would have lived in as the background
* create a poem, personal narrative or limerick describing the dinosaur
* Share their completed project with the class presenting their research, illustrations and written work

**Materials:** Computer with access to library databases, art materials

**Procedure:**

Students will research dinosaur and chose one of interest. The student will attach references used in their research to their project.

Next, students will learn enough information to be able to anatomically draw the dinosaur in the proper habitat. Then students will use whatever medium provided to complete the art work.

Next students will write a short poem or limerick citing a description and including one fact about the dinosaur of the choice.

Finally, students will share their illustration and poem with their peers and turn in for grading.

**Tip:** Show your students the You Tube video: Dinosaur Habitats at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (4:57)

Example cites: <http://dinosaurs.about.com/od/dinosaurbasics/tp/Dinosaur-Habitats.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sn/prehistoric_life/dinosaurs/>