

Games and Activities

Garden Activity

A container herb garden can be fun, healthy and educational and gives kids a sense of pride by witnessing the results. For more information on starting an herb container garden, go to <http://www.kidsgardening.com/growingideas/projects/may04/pg1.html>

I Am a Paleontologist

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJ8rblUtEXA>

Show this 3-minute music video by They Might Be Giants.

Drawing Dinosaurs

Download the step-by-step instructions for drawing a stegosaurus, based on Ralph Masiello's Dinosaur Drawing Book, <http://www.charlesbridge.com/productdetails.cfm?PC=4432>, and let the children improve their drawing skills.

Quipu

Quipu is the ancient method used by the Incans to count and keep records. Using base ten for reference, knots are added to a main string to facilitate record keeping and remembering information. Follow the instructions from Simon Fraser University, <http://www.sfu.ca/archaeology/museum/laarch/inca/quie.html>, to demonstrate how to tie quipu. It's a lot like macramé!

Show the children the Writing in String material from Emory University,

<http://www.carlos.emory.edu/ODY SSEY/AA/quipo.htm>, to explain how the system worked.

The Name Game

Use the name generator available from Mystic Games, <http://www.mysticgames.com/names.htm>, to explore Native American names and the meanings attributed to them.

Hounds and Jackals

This ancient Egyptian game is similar to the game Snakes and Ladders. Play using a purchased game board or make your own. A sample board and rules can be found at The Games Museum, <http://www.gamesmuseum.uwaterloo.ca/VirtualExhibits/Ancient/Hounds/Repro.html>.

Draw Like an Egyptian

Download and print out the instructions for drawing a sphinx based on Ralph Masiello's Ancient Egypt Drawing Book, <http://www.charlesbridge.com/productdetails.cfm?PC=4874>, and let the children practice their drawing skills.

How the Egyptian's Made Mummies Mad Lib

Fill out the online mad lib at http://www.neferchichi.com/ml_mummies.html to create a funny story about mummification.

Tomb of the Unknown Mummy

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Games/InteractiveAdventures/Tomb-unknown-mummy>

This interactive game encourages players to explore a tomb and discover who is buried there.

Rattlesnake Origami

Snakes were important figures in ancient art, especially in the Southwest where rattlesnakes live. Follow the folding [instructions](#) provided at the end of this chapter to create an origami rattlesnake.

The Ball Game

<http://www.ballgame.org/>

The first team sport in human history was the Mayan ball games. Watch a game at this site or be a contestant, testing your knowledge of the game.

Walking With Dinosaurs: Games

<http://www.walkingwithdinosaursgames.com/>

Play the fossil hunting game to find dinosaur fossils among the rocks on a beach. Design a dinosaur, test your knowledge of bones, or practice using the tools of paleontology with these games developed to support the Walking with Dinosaurs film experience.