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Standards Spotlight: You Go, Gulls!

Mini Page activities meet many state and national educational standards. Each week we identify standards that relate to The Mini Page's content and offer activities that will help your students reach them.

This week's standard:

- Students understand the interactions of animals and their environments. (Science: Life Science)

Activities:

1. Make a "Hungry Gulls" poster. Paste newspaper pictures of all the different kinds of things gulls eat on the poster. Label each of the foods you show.
2. In the newspaper, circle any pictures that show when you might find gulls.
3. Make a Venn diagram comparing sea gulls and terns. Draw two overlapping circles. In the center overlapping section, list the ways gulls and terns are alike. In the left circle, list information about gulls. In the right section, list information about terns.
4. How are these important to gulls: (a) pelicans, (b) farmers, (c) garbage and (d) the number 45?
5. Write a brief information article titled "Gulls: Friends or Problems?" Write two paragraphs about gulls. In the first paragraph, discuss how gulls are helpful to people. In the second paragraph, discuss how gulls may cause problems for people.

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