

Lesson	Intermediate / Middle School (Grades 6+)
<p>Lesson 1: What is an endangered species?</p> <p>Introduction to endangered species.</p>	<p><b>Defining Endangered</b></p> <p>In this activity class participates in a spiral definition activity. Students begin individually by creating a definition of what an endangered species is. They spiral and meet in partners and in a larger group to share and debate the best definition of an endangered species. Below is the worksheet that will guide in discussion:</p> <p><a href="#">Endangered species definition activity</a></p>
<p>Lesson 2: What is a Keystone Species?</p> <p>Students learn about the rhino species through the concept of Keystone Species.</p>	<p><b>What is a Keystone Species?</b></p> <p>Read the following articles and answer questions in questions sheet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Rhino eco-engineer</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Here's What Might Happen to Local Ecosystems If All the Rhinos Disappear - Smithsonian article</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Question sheet</a></li> </ul>
<p>Lesson 3: Why?</p> <p>Students explore and research using various articles to discover why rhinos are endangered</p>	<p>In small groups and as a class, explore the following articles from the Baby Rhino Rescue Blog or explore the <a href="#">blog</a> on their own to solve the question:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Why are rhinos endangered?</b></p> <p>Wed. Oct. 18th 2017 - <a href="#">North Korean Diplomats Accused of Smuggling Ivory</a> Watch <a href="#">video</a></p> <p>Tues. 24th Oct 2017- <a href="#">Rich Men Who Drink Rhino Horns</a></p> <p>Tues. 15th Aug. 2017 - <a href="#">Asian Demand Surge Feared as Rhino Horn Auction Resume</a></p> <p>Tues. 21 Dec. 2016 - <a href="#">In 2007, a total of 13 rhinos were poached in South Africa. In 2014, that number increased 9,346% to 1,215 -</a></p> <p>Also:</p>

	<p>BBC - <a href="#">Rhino poaching: The strange figures behind a secret trade</a></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Worksheet to aid in leading discussion</a></li> </ul>
<p>Lesson 4: Research How to Help Save Rhinos</p>	<p><b>What is being done to save rhinos</b></p> <p>Students explore what is being done to save rhinos - Here students will debate the best practice to protect rhinos</p> <p><a href="#">Symbaloo</a> as a start and continue their research</p> <p>Also this:</p> <p><a href="#">How poachers became caretakers - John Kasaona</a></p> <p><a href="#">How humans and animals can live together - Jane Goodall</a></p> <p>Use <a href="#">this worksheet</a> to guide your research</p>
<p>Lesson 5: What can YOU do?</p> <p>In this lesson, students will hear from Isey and Evie about what they have done to help rhinos, and brainstorm what they can do as a school, class or individually to spread the word about saving rhinos.</p>	<p><b>What can I do to save rhinos?</b></p> <p>Students watch the Isey and Evie video that calls students to action and describes what they've done to help rhinos. You can also see what they have done <a href="#">here</a>. Become a Rhino Warrior and follow in the footsteps of Isey and Evie.</p> <p>Students can brainstorm what they can do, while also referring to the list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tell 5 friends and do something to help. Sell homemade lemonade on a hot day, have a cake sale and send the funds to Baby Rhino Rescue</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create a poster or video and display it around your school</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraise: challenge the other grades to raise funds in a rhino adoption drive</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Buy a Baby Rhino Rescue t-shirt for you AND a friend - or sell t-shirts at your school and then use them at an assembly or in a march</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Organize a march at your school for the Global March for Elephants and Rhinos and show your community and conservation-minded spirit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Write a blog! Write a letter to a leader in South Africa, India, China, Vietnam to make a change.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have a poetry slam contest with rhinos and endangered species as the theme.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create your own Rhino mascot to spread awareness at your school for your school or classroom</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hold an assembly to spread the word - c'mon Student Council, take the lead!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Host a <a href="#">one million footprints march</a> or create a one million footprints banner.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> On your birthday, collect donations for rhinos rather than gifts or give an adoption of a baby rhino as a gift</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Be creative and create your own way to spread the word</li> </ul>
<p>Lesson 6: Action!</p> <p>Individually, in small groups or a class, students put their choice into action and share with BRR</p>	<p><b>Spread the word!</b></p> <p>As a class or individually, decide and put into a action an idea, chosen from lesson 5, that will inform and spread the word to save rhinos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Contact our ambassadors at <a href="http://www.babyrhinorescue.org">www.babyrhinorescue.org</a> or on Facebook and have a live session with them in your classroom or home. Share what you have done and/or hear directly from them what they have done.</li> <li>● Post your pictures to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and don't forget to tag us! Use <b>#BabyRhinoRescue</b> <b>#RhinoWarriors</b></li> </ul>