

# Ruthie Bon Bair

## Suggested Activities and Projects

Read *Ruthie Bon Bair: Do Not Go to Bed with Wringing Wet Hair!* to your students. Discuss the types of plants growing in Ruthie's hair. Then discuss the following:

### Wetlands:

What types of plants would you find there?

What types of animals would you find there? (Fish, amphibians, reptiles)

Where are wetlands located?

Seasonal changes in wetlands

Climate

### Desert plants and life:

Are there different types of deserts?

Where are deserts located?

What types of plants grow in deserts?

What types of animals live there? (Arachnids, reptiles)

Desert climate and weather

### Trees plants and flowers

How do the seasons affect plants and trees?

How does climate affect plants and trees?

Why do some plants and trees grow in certain climates and not others?

Evergreens and deciduous trees

The lifecycle of plants and flowers

What is photosynthesis?



## Projects

### 1. Make a diorama

Have students choose Desert or Wetland biome.

Using the information from the above topics of discussion, students can design and create individual biomes.

Suggested Materials for desert and wetland biome

Shoebox

Clay

Glue

Markers, paint, Crayons

Sand

Construction paper

Scissors

Tissue paper

Plastic figurines or toys

Artificial moss, ferns and Cattails (available at Craft stores)

### 2. Create a wetland and/or desert scene

Wall space or a bulletin board can be divided and students can collectively create side by side scenes or a mural of both wetland and desert.

### 3. Create a desert garden -- [click here](#)

### 4. Create a terrarium -- [click here](#)

## Web Resources:

<http://www.desertusa.com/life.html>

<http://www.mbgnet.net/>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/coloring/amphibians.shtml>

<http://www.nhptv.org/natureworks/nwep7i.htm>

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/biomes/swamp/swamp.shtml>

Ruthie Bon Bair:

Do Not Go To Bed with Wringing Wet Hair!  
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