USING DIORAMAS TO ENHANCE LEARNING

- Appeal
- Tells a Story
- Creating the Story
- No Limits
- Planning Ahead
- Testing Objects
- Constructing Your Diorama

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Appeal - A diorama is complete scenario representing some aspect of the learning objective. It is three dimensional.

*Fundamental rule with dioramas*: It is not a flat piece of art. Creatively plan so all the horizontal space is used up. This adds a level of excitement to your creation.
Tell a Story – An instructional diorama is not just another pretty tabletop decoration. Take it to another level by creating a story and using it to act out the story.
Creating a Story. Picture in your mind a particular moment in time that focuses on the detail of the lesson plan. What is happening? What is the story?

Adding a story to your diorama gives it a little instructional extra that people will enjoy. *It gives them something to think about.*
Limits? Only limit will be your imagination - There are no real rules with making a diorama.

- Use whatever materials you would like to use.
- Create whatever kind of scene you would like to create.
- Don't be bashful.

IT’S A THREE DIMENSION INSTRUCTIONAL TOOL...NO LIMITS
You can't just start making one - Before you can start making your diorama you have to have a plan.

- Draw out some rough sketches
- Get a sketch pad and pencil and start drawing ideas of your scene
- Move the objects in the scene around. Remember that it is three dimensional
- Look for unique perspectives
A good tip – Create a variety of “test” objects for your scene. Look for unique perspectives.

- Cut them out
- Lay them out and rearrange them to see what the overall diorama will look like
- Remember, it’s a three dimensional scene. Create some depth for the participants to look at.
Getting Started: Paper Mache Construction. Using simple, user friendly and inexpensive materials to construction your diorama

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Advanced Construction: Wood, Metal, and Fabric. Going all out to create realistic scenes using more expensive materials to construction your diorama

- (diorama pictures)
Let’s Go Build!
Create your own scene with the worksheet and materials provided
   ❖ Instructor led

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