



Destructive Fish

Activity: Destructive Fish

Category: Research Project/Group Activity

Series: Today's News (12 Things to Know about Invasive Species)

Supplies

Paper; pencil

Prep

Read the *12 Things to Know about Invasive Species* chapters on Asian Carp and Northern Snakehead Fish, or assign the section to the students to read on their own.

Directions

Divide students into two groups. Assign one group the Northern Snakehead Fish and the other the Asian Carp. Each student should come up with one reason to demonstrate how his or her assigned fish is destructive. The students can use the book and the book's web page on 12storylibrary.com. Check out the "What You Can Do" link on the web page for more information on each fish.

Once the students have come up with reasons why their fish is destructive, set up an informal debate. Each group takes turns sending one student to present a way in which their fish is destructive. After everyone has presented, ask each student which fish they think is more destructive.

Evaluation

Were the groups able to use both texts on their fish to demonstrate the ways in which their fish is destructive? RI 4.9

Purpose

To teach students how to research with multiple sources and use both sources to speak knowledgably about their topic.