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What does it take to survive? 35 min

Objective:

Identify the unique features of a species that allows them to adapt and survive in their environment.

Big Idea:

How do animals change to survive?

1. Warm Up / Anticipatory 5 min

Brainstorm a list animals that live in the African savanna and the foods they eat.

2. Investigation and New Learning 15 min

Read through the Wonder and discuss. What makes giraffes unique? What are some features that other animals have that help them survive?

3. Review & Check for Understanding 30 min

Working in groups, create a new animal that is going to live in the savanna. Decide on their size, shelter, food, and special characteristics that will help them survive. Present to the class.

Note: This lesson is to be part of a unit of study on animal habitats and animal needs.