

Curious George - Study Notes



FILM SYNOPSIS

When 'The Man in the Yellow Hat' travels to Africa in search of a mysterious idol, he befriends George, an inquisitive little monkey who sneaks on board the explorers' ship and finds himself in New York where his big adventure starts!

Teachers' Notes

Suitable for Foundation Stage and KS1, Art & Design; Geography; PE & Dance

Art & Design

What animals does George play with in Africa?

Help children use paint to create a jungle scene. Include George and his friends. Curious George loves putting his hands in paint. Pupils get messy and use their hands to create the grass and trees!

Geography – Where is Curious George? Countries and places

In the film Curious George travels from Africa to New York City. Pupils can send George on some more imaginary adventures.

- Where has Curious George travelled to this week or month?
- Can we find these places on a map?
- What will it be like when George is there?
- What would he see? What would he do there?
- How did George travel to these places?
- How are these places similar or different to each other and where we live?
- Which locations would make good film settings and why?
- Choose one setting and create a storyboard that tells the story of a new adventure for George.

KS1 Dance Activities

After watching Curious George, ask children to imagine they are chimpanzees. Ask them to think about what it would be like in the African jungle. Pupils can explore basic body actions, (e.g. jumping, turning, swinging) and use different parts of their body to make movements, creating and repeating short dances inspired by the way monkeys move. As well as gaining inspiration from Curious George, pupils could watch extracts from wildlife documentaries.

The animators for Curious George will have studied the way monkeys move before they started work. Children could watch each other move like monkeys and draw what they see, as if they were animators.

An educational Curious George website for children, parents and teachers is:

<http://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/>