

SUN BIRD BY LINDSAY MOORE

PICTURE BOOK LESSON

Guided picture book lesson

Ready to teach TODAY!

Perfect for winter months!

Grades 1-3

WHERE IS THE ARCTIC?

The Arctic is a large area at the top of the world.

The Arctic forms a large circle around the North Pole.

This is why the Arctic is also called the Arctic Circle.



In winter, the Arctic is very cold and dark. The sun stays below the horizon during winter months in the Arctic.

In summer, the Arctic has cool temperatures. The sun

RECOMMENDED READING

"Books to Accompany Sun Bird"

PICTURE BOOKS

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Arctic (Fleming)
Jonty Gentoo: The Adventures of a Penguin (Donaldson)
The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish (Savage)
The Indestructible Tom Crean (Thermes)
Polar Bear (Fleming)
Passionate About Penguins (Davey)
Penguin Journey (Kunkel)
Except Antarctica (Sturgell)
Ten Animals in Antarctica (Court)
Other (Fuge)
Polar Life (Florian)

Name _____ Teacher _____

SCAVENGER HUNT

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How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the presentation?

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Name two things that can be measured by



THIS POLAR-THEMED RESOURCE INCLUDES:

JAPANESE ARTIST



Look at the front cover of *Sun Bird*.

Do you think the wave looks like this famous Japanese artwork?

This is a woodblock print by Japanese artist Hokusai. Created in 1831, it is titled *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*.

TRIVIA QUESTION

Which of these birds from *Sun Bird* has the widest wingspan?



2-part presentation (whole-group lesson + scrolling slideshow)



2 scavenger hunt activities + answer key



Printable Recommended Reads list



Standards-aligned lesson plan (AASL, CCSS, and TEKS)

PART I - WHOLE-GROUP LESSON

Since a read-aloud is required for this lesson, there are only a few whole-group discussion slides.

These slides introduce a read-aloud, *Sun Bird: The Amazing Journey of the Arctic Tern* by Lindsay Moore.

Information in Part I includes a short whole-group discussion about the author / illustrator, the Arctic, arctic terns, and migration.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The author of *Sun Bird* is Lindsay Moore. She studied marine biology in college. Marine biologists study ocean life.

The illustrator of *Sun Bird* is also Lindsay Moore. She wrote and illustrated other picture books.

MEET THE ARCTIC TERN

This book is about the migration of arctic terns. Arctic terns are medium-sized birds. Their feathers are gray or white. Their beak and feet are bright red or orange.



PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES

The slides in Part II need to be set on a timer (instructions with visuals included).


The scrolling slides include fun facts about polar animals from the book, the Arctic Circle, Antarctica, and more.

Students watch the slideshow to find the images and information included in the differentiated Scavenger Hunt activities.

WHAT'S ON A BOOK SPINE?



Author's last name – The author and illustrator of *Sun Bird* is Lindsay Moore.



Title – The full title of this book is *Sun Bird: The Amazing Journey of the Arctic Tern*. For this book, the subtitle does not fit on the spine, so it is left off.

WORD OF THE WEEK

wingspan

Wingspan is the distance from one wingtip to the other. We use it to describe birds, bats, insects, manta rays, airplanes, and more! Open your arms, straight out to your sides. How wide is your wingspan?



PRINTABLE ACTIVITIES

Keep early-finishers engaged during checkout! All images and answers to the scavenger hunt questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions of each!

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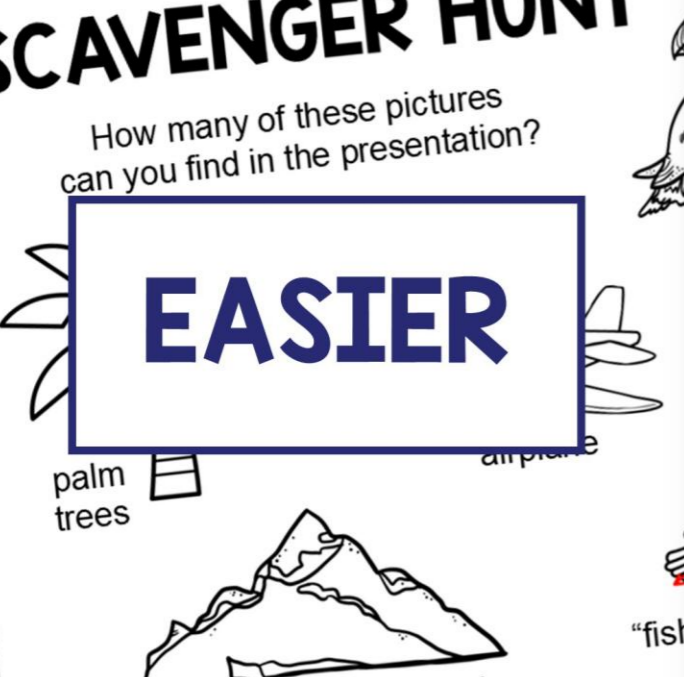
EASIER

Which bird in the story is called a "pirating bird"?

Who is the author and illustrator of *Sun Bird*?

What bird holds the world record for longest migration distance?

What does alpine mean?



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ANSWER KEY

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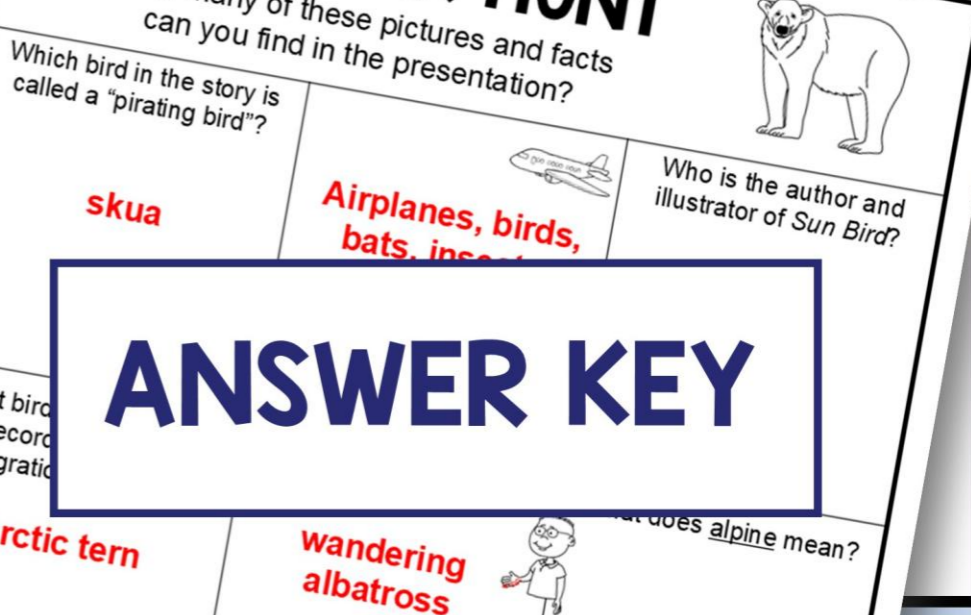
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skua

Airplanes, birds, bats, insects

arctic tern

wandering albatross



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Ten Animals

Together (Fleming)

Ice: Poems

The Most Antarctica

A Polar Bear

The Walrus

Oil (Winter)

Waiting for Mama (Marino)

A Trip to the Bottom of the World with Mouse (Viva)

All About Antarctica: A Fact Book About the Southernmost Continent (Martin)

The Longest Journey: An Arctic Tern's Migration (Hevron)

The Great Narwhal Rescue: Saving the Arctic Ocean's Narwhals (Markle)

FICTION BOOKS

The Most Perfect Thing in the Universe (Springstubb)

Waluk: The Great Journey (Miralles)

Challenge (Grylls)



**EDITABLE
TEXT**

This is an editable list of 27 recommended books to accompany to *Sun Bird*.

I am a Texas-certified, experienced school librarian and ELA teacher. I hand-selected every book on this list.

Every title on this list is well-reviewed for Grades K-5 and includes positive professional reviews in Titlewave.

Use it for your own reference, add it to book displays, or send it to teachers or home to parents!

EDITABLE LESSON PLAN

Includes pre-filled lesson plan with AASL, CCSS, and TEKS standards for Grades 1-3.

The Notes page is a place where you can make notes to yourself for next year, or whenever you teach this lesson again.

100% editable to make it as easy and useful as possible!

PREP CHECKLIST

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Use this space for any notes you might want for next year.
Is there anything you want to add or change next year?

LESSON PLAN

THE STUDENTS WILL...

- Listen to a read-aloud of the picture book *Sun Bird* by Lindsay Moore (2025)

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READ-ALOUD(S)

Sun Bird: The Amazing Journey of
by Lindsay Moore (2025)

LESSON PLAN

DATES

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GRADES

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SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES NEEDED

- Computer, projector or TV screen, slide "clicker"
- *Sun Bird* by Lindsay Moore (2025)
- Copies of scavenger hunts and Recommended Reads
- Crayons, colored pencils, and/or markers

AASL STANDARDS FRAMEWORK

AASL.V.C.1

Expressing curiosity about a topic of personal interest or curricular relevance.

AASL.I.D.3

Enacting new understanding through real-world connections.

**100%
EDITABLE**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Are these lessons
ready to use TODAY?**

Mostly, yes! There are
four few slides that are
customizable to your library.

If you need a lesson in a pinch,
you can just skip over or delete
those slides in the lesson.

Is this lesson editable?

Yes – all text in all parts of
the lesson presentation and
printables are editable in
PPT and Google Slides.

PDF versions are editable
in Adobe Acrobat Pro.

**Does this resource include
the book *Sun Bird*?**

It does not. You will need a copy
of *Sun Bird* by Lindsay Moore for
this lesson. It is not included.

Check your school or public
library for the book. You may
also find low-cost copies at
used bookstores or yard sales.


MORE PICTURE BOOK LESSONS

Love this Picture Book Lesson? I have more!

All follow the same format as this lesson.


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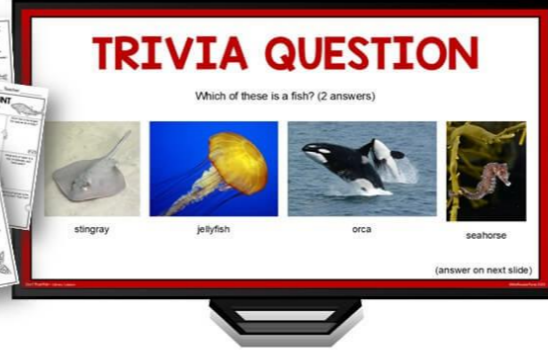
designed for use with *Mistaco: A Tale of Tragedy y Tortillas* picture book by Eliza Kinkz

GRADES 1-3




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DON'T TRUST FISH PICTURE BOOK LESSON



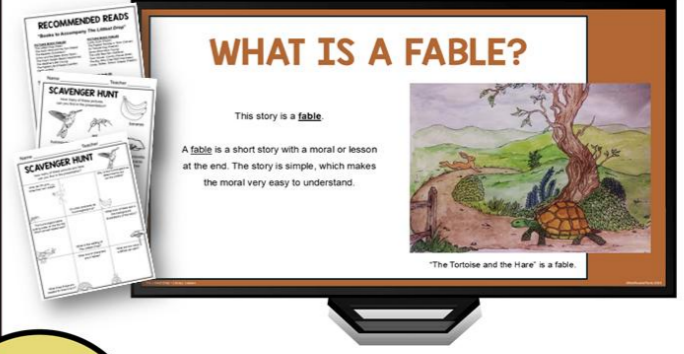
designed for use with *Don't Trust Fish* picture book by Neil Sharpson

GRADES K-3



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THE LITTLEST DROP PICTURE BOOK LESSON



designed for use with *The Littlest Drop* picture book by Sascha Alper

GRADES 1-3

