

Program Objectives

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Core life science

Rainforest Journey is a theme-based, NGSS-aligned complete life science program. It contains lessons with reading passages and rich media (photographs and videos), hands-on activities, assessments, vocabulary, primary sources, and illustrations of key concepts.

Supplemental life science

Teachers who wish to use their own life science curriculum can use Rainforest Journey as a supplemental science resource.

- Use photos and videos to engage students on selected topics.
- Use selected lessons on concepts that may need re-teaching or reinforcement; beneficial for RTI.
- For flipped classroom lessons, assign students to watch videos or read lessons before teaching a new concept.
- Find relevant content quickly using the search function.

Supplemental CC ELA

Rainforest Journey may also be used to meet various CC ELA goals.

- Lessons, primary sources, and blog posts are good sources of engaging nonfiction reading.
- Reading passages in lessons include enrichment passages and all have a Lexile score.
- Writing assignments in the chapter reviews are aligned with selected ELA standards.
- Reading passages have an optional audio component.
- The rich media provides ample opportunities for visual literacy development.
- Classroom libraries coordinated with program content offer additional literacy support.

Digital competence

- Students develop basic keyboarding skills and can hone digital navigation skills, both of which will help prepare them for online assessments.
- Students practice searching and synthesizing information digitally.

Self-directed learning

- Using the program individually allows students to develop self-directed learning skills. Teachers can monitor their students' progress in Class Management.
- Model program use in whole-class lesson and then let students use the program on individual devices at learning centers. (This is an effective introduction to self-directed learning for K-2)

Quick facts

- Program flexibility allows teachers to teach whole-class lessons on a digital display or assign students to work individually on any digital device that connects to the Internet.
- If students take quizzes digitally, assessments are recorded in a gradebook.
- Teachers can control what content students view and can monitor student progress and quiz scores in Class Management.
- Students are able to access the program at home.
- 100% of teachers who participated in efficacy testing said that Rainforest Journey was more engaging and more effective than using a textbook.



