



Thinksheet

Rising 3rd Grade

The Toad: Disgusting Critters by Elise Gravel Classroom Activities

- **Life Science Writing Prompt:**
 - **As a class:** Discuss animal adaptations, and brainstorm all of the special characteristics and traits of the toad that are found in the text. Make a two column chart of these traits similar to that on the Thinksheet, recording the trait on the left column and its purpose on the right column.
 - **Students reflect and write:** Have students write 3-5 sentences responding to the writing prompt, “What are a toad’s special traits, and for what purpose does a toad use them?”
 - **Research Project:** Have each student research their favorite animal to learn and record important facts about the animal: its description, characteristics or traits, habitat, how it lives, eats, and reproduces, etc.
 - **Individual Presentations:** Offer a variety of ways students may share their research project with the class: orally, in the form of a powerpoint slide or blog page, or written and illustrated for display in the classroom.
 - Be sure to have each student include information on why or how the favorite animal was chosen.
- **Additional Resources and Virtual Links:**
 - **Meet the Author- and Illustrator!** <http://elisegravel.com/en/bio/>
 - **Hear and See this Book Read Aloud on YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=gTxY8I3og7Y>
 - **Classic, Award Winning Children’s Literature Read Alouds:**
 - **Frog & Toad Are Friends, by Arnold Lobel:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4p9WXXKqlvYk>
 - **Frog & Toad Together, by Arnold Lobel:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEAMxIOe0Z4>
- **Watch and Learn:**
 - **Explore the Wildlife Kingdom:** Watch baby toads hatch out off their mom’s back <https://youtu.be/-lf3JZw3OMY>



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- YouTube for Kids: [What is an Amphibian?](#)
- National Geographic Kids: [Amphibians](#)
- Kids Konnect: [Frog Facts & Worksheets](#)
- San Diego Zoo Kids: [Fantastic Frogs](#)
- Earth Rangers: [Top Ten Awesome Facts About Frogs](#)
- CBC Kids: [Frog or toad – think you can tell the difference?](#)
- San Diego Zoo Kids: [Poison Frogs](#)



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