INFORM - Create a diorama

A diorama is a three dimensional scene that uses models, figures, and background details. It's a great choice for kids who enjoy hands-on projects that include building, crafting, and visual storytelling. Dioramas can be easily adapted to a student's skill level.

Tips For A Successful Diorama Project

Choose A Base

Shoebox
Cardboard Box
Cereal Box
Foam Board
Takeout Container
Shadow Box
Disposable Baking Pans
Styrofoam Block
Diorama Box

Choose Basic Building Materials

Playdough
Air Dry Clay
Papier-Mâché
Kinetic Sand
Dirt
Felt or Foam
Fake Moss
Gravel
Sand
Shredded Paper
Paper Clay
Painted Cardboard

Add Accessories & Details

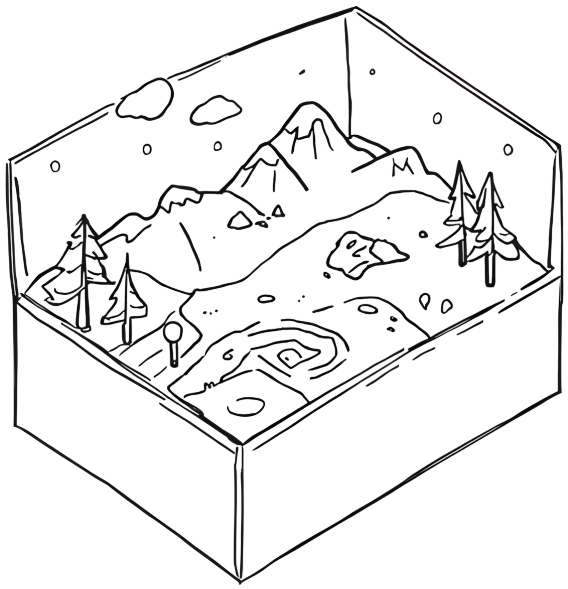
Pipe Cleaners
Pom Poms
Beads
Toothpicks
Craft Sticks
Rocks, LEaves, Twigs
Sand, Dirt, Bark
Recycled Items
Fabric, Ribbon, Yarn
Clay
Paint
Small Figurines
Diorama Figures

Pair Informative Labels & Writing

Glue a strip of paper to the end of a toothpick for an easy label.

Craft sticks also work well for labels.

Students can also glue writing samples to the sides of the diorama.



Example Guidelines Per Track

Build the base with playdough on foam board. Add simple details by gluing pictures to craft sticks and standing them in the dough.

Use clay, fabric, and cardboard for the ground on a shoebox base. Use a variety of items as details and a full sentence description with set of labels.

Create a cardboard foreground, middle ground, and background on a box base with a variety of materials. Create mixed media structures and details and add paragraph descriptions and typed out labels.

Build a foreground, middle ground, background created from a variety of materials. Add highly detailed components, labels, and a write a descriptive essay.