



Tuesday November 27, 2018

Read the feature topic on Christmas craft in today's ED! Magazine and complete some of the activities below.



- Class discussion:
 - Do you celebrate Christmas?
 - Does your family have any Christmas traditions?
 - What other important celebrations do you participate in at this time of year?
 - Do you usually make hand-made gifts for special occasions?



- Think, pair, share: What is Christmas a celebration of? Who celebrates it? How is it celebrated? What do you like about Christmas?
- Brainstorm other handmade gifts you could make, either by yourself or with some help. Then see if you can match the gift idea to someone who would like to receive it for Christmas or another gift-giving occasion.



- You may have seen news reports on concerns about the effect of glitter on the environment. Research glitter to find out what it is made of. Why would this be a concern for the environment? Are there any alternative products available?
- Do a class survey to find out which of these gifts people would most like to make, and most like to receive. Display the results using a graph.
- Rank these crafts in order of the quickest to longest to complete. Also rank them in order of the easiest to hardest to complete. Are your lists in the same order? Make the crafts at home and test your hypotheses.



- In pairs, discuss:
 - Do you agree with the statement 'handmade is extra-special'? Why/why not?
 - Do you think Christmas would be as special if people didn't give gifts?
 - Do you like doing craft? Why/why not?
 - What type of people do you think would appreciate a handmade craft gift?



- Design a craft activity that turns an item that would commonly be found in a recycling bin, such as a plastic bottle, paper tube or yoghurt container, into a handmade gift.
- Draw a plan of what you would like your stained-glass placemat to look like.



- Other than today's ED! feature, do you think Christmas will be mentioned in the newspaper yet? Look through your copy of *The West Australian* to see if there are any articles or advertisements about Christmas. Was your prediction correct?

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Read the stories in ED! Magazine's *NEWS FLASH* column and complete some of the activities below.

Lion King remake



- Write a math equation to figure out how many years there will be between the release of the animated version and the live-action computer-animated version.
- In pairs, discuss the original *The Lion King* cartoon. Have you seen it? What did you like/dislike about it?



- Find out what the term 'highest-grossing movie' means.
- Search online to find out whether any of the voice artists from the original cartoon are returning to voice the same character in the new version.



- If you have seen both the animated and live-action *Jungle Book* movies, use a Venn diagram to show what was similar and different about the two versions. Did you prefer one to the other?



- Visit westkids.com.au to watch the trailer. Did seeing the trailer make you want to see the movie more, less or no change?

Drug smuggler released



- Indonesia has strict drug laws. People who are convicted of drug trafficking face long prison sentences or in some cases the death penalty.



- In pairs or groups, discuss:
 - Do you think that severe punishments, like life imprisonment or the death penalty, work to encourage people not to commit crimes? Is there anything else that might be more effective?
 - Ms Lawrence has just served 13 years in jail for a crime committed in Indonesia. Do you think it is fair that she now be punished in Australia for a different crime she committed 13 years ago? Give reasons for your opinion.
 - Why do you think Ms Lawrence turned herself in to police? What might the consequences have been if she chose to hide from them once she returned to Australia?

Labor wins in Victoria



- Work out what percentage of the seats the Victorian Labor party held before the election, and after the election. What was their percentage increase?



- Research either the Prime Minister or Treasurer to write a list of 10 facts about them. Five facts should be about their career, and the other five about them personally.



- Why would the Liberal party need to have 'crisis talks'? What types of things do you think they talked about?

