

# A House for Hermit Crab Lesson Plan

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I use *A House for Hermit Crab* in an Eric Carle author study, but it is also a great accompanying text for a unit about oceans and sea creatures. Children love Eric Carle's colorful illustrations and animal characters.

Students will "retell important facts from a text heard or read." —Massachusetts English/Language Arts Curriculum Framework

## Materials

- *A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle
- Oak tag, one sheet per student
- Marker
- Glue
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Clipart images of coral, seaweed, lantern fish, sea anemone, starfish, snails, sea urchins, pebbles, sponges, barnacles, clown fish, sand dollars, electric eels, etc., at least one of each creature per student

## Set Up and Prepare

1. Draw a picture of Hermit Crab on a sheet of 8 1/2" X 11" paper. Make the picture large and use a dark marker so the lines show well.
2. Make a class set of copies of the drawing on the sheets of oak tag.
3. Cut apart the clipart images so students can handle one image at a time.

## Directions

**Step 1:** Have students write their name on their hermit crab oak tag.

**Step 2:** Encourage students to color their hermit crabs with the colored pencils.

**Step 3:** Pass out the clipart sea creatures so every student has at least one of each creature.

**Step 4:** Reread *A Home for Hermit Crab* aloud to the class, asking students to glue the corresponding sea creatures onto their oak-tag hermit crabs as you read.

**Step 5:** If students have extra sea creatures, have them add them at the end of the story.

## Lesson Extensions

Instead of gluing the sea creatures to the hermit crab oak tag, have students store the pieces in an envelope. They can manipulate the pieces as they retell the story.

## Related Resources

- [The Official Eric Carle Website](#)
- [The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art Website](#)

## About the Author

Eric Carle has written and illustrated a number of popular picture books. For a list of his titles, visit the [Scholastic Book Wizard](#).

- Part of Collection:

[Oceans](#)

- Subjects:

Ocean Habitats, Fish and Marine Life

- Duration:

40 Mins