

The Underland Chronicles

Science

Gasses

Poisonous gasses are used in the book to get rid of the mice. This is a weapon used by armies and terrorist organizations. Make a science connection exploring solids, liquids, and gasses. Make a chart of all the gasses you see or know are around you. See the powerful effect of gasses by combining baking soda and vinegar in a bottle and putting a balloon over the mouth of the bottle. Give the mixture a shake and the gas released blows up the balloon.

Unusual Creatures

Animals adapt to the world around them. The Underland has many strange and large animals, similar to the animals we know. Make a list of differences between animals you know and animals in the story. Are their changes for theatrical value or have these beasts adapted to life underground?

Technology

Go Underground

Visit <http://www.scholastic.com/underlandchronicles/> to run the Gnawers Labyrinth, make a creature creation, ask the author questions, get to know author Suzanne Collins, and more!

Engineering

Underground

Sometimes what is under a building is more important than the part you see. The foundation creates a strong base for a building. Use marshmallows and toothpicks to make a structure as tall as you can. Fasten toothpicks into marshmallows and remember to create a sturdy base in order to get the tallest tower. Challenge friends and family to build the strongest and tallest structure.

Art

Fantasy Creatures

Create a fantasy creature of your own. Take pictures from magazines or draw realistic animals to use. Then cut out different animal parts and reassemble them to make fantasy creatures. Bring your images off the page by adding 3D elements such as paper wings, ribbons, or found objects.

Create a Cover

The Underland Chronicles were re-released with new cover art. Find before and after images online. Then create your own cover design idea.

Math

The Nibblers

All of the Nibblers names are mathematics term. Figure out what each term means. Then create your own word problems using characters from the book and their names. Read up on what each term means. Why do you think each name was given to that specific Nibbler? Combine mathematics symbols into drawings of the Nibblers and make a unique math dictionary for each term.

Recommended Resources

StudyJams States of Matter: <http://studyjams.scholastic.com/studyjams/jams/science/matter/solids-liquids-gases.htm>

Creature Creator: <http://www.scholastic.com/underlandchronicles/creaturecreator.htm>

Math Flashcard Maker: <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/game/tools/flash-card-maker>

The Underland Series: http://www.scholastic.com/underlandchronicles/popups/gregor_seriesinfo.htm

Math Hunt Ancient Civilizations: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/mathhunt/StartGame.asp?QuizID=5>

Author Suzanne Collins: <http://www.suzannecollinsbooks.com/>