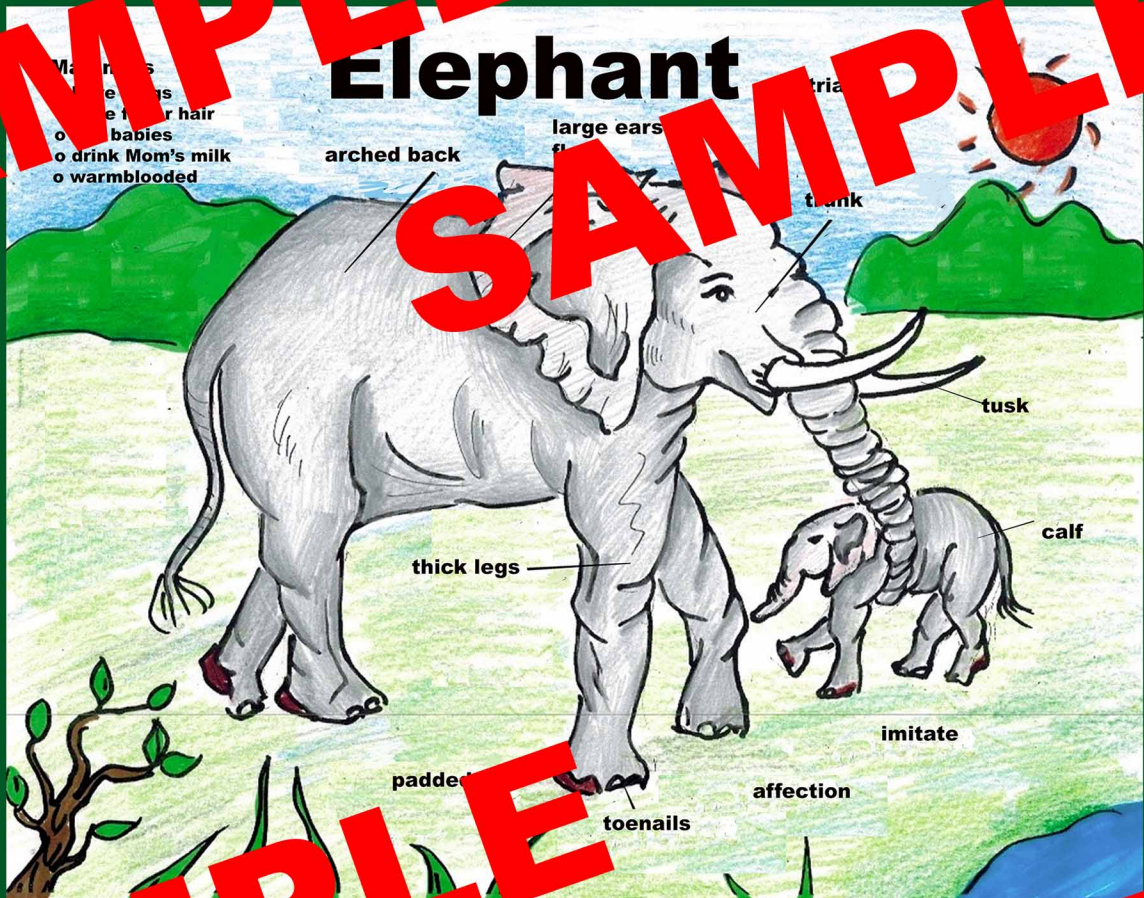


# Close Reading

Plus Writing Activities

## Elephants of Africa

By Gail Gibbons



Teaching Animal Science through

Reading, Comprehension, Vocabulary,  
Poetry and Fiction

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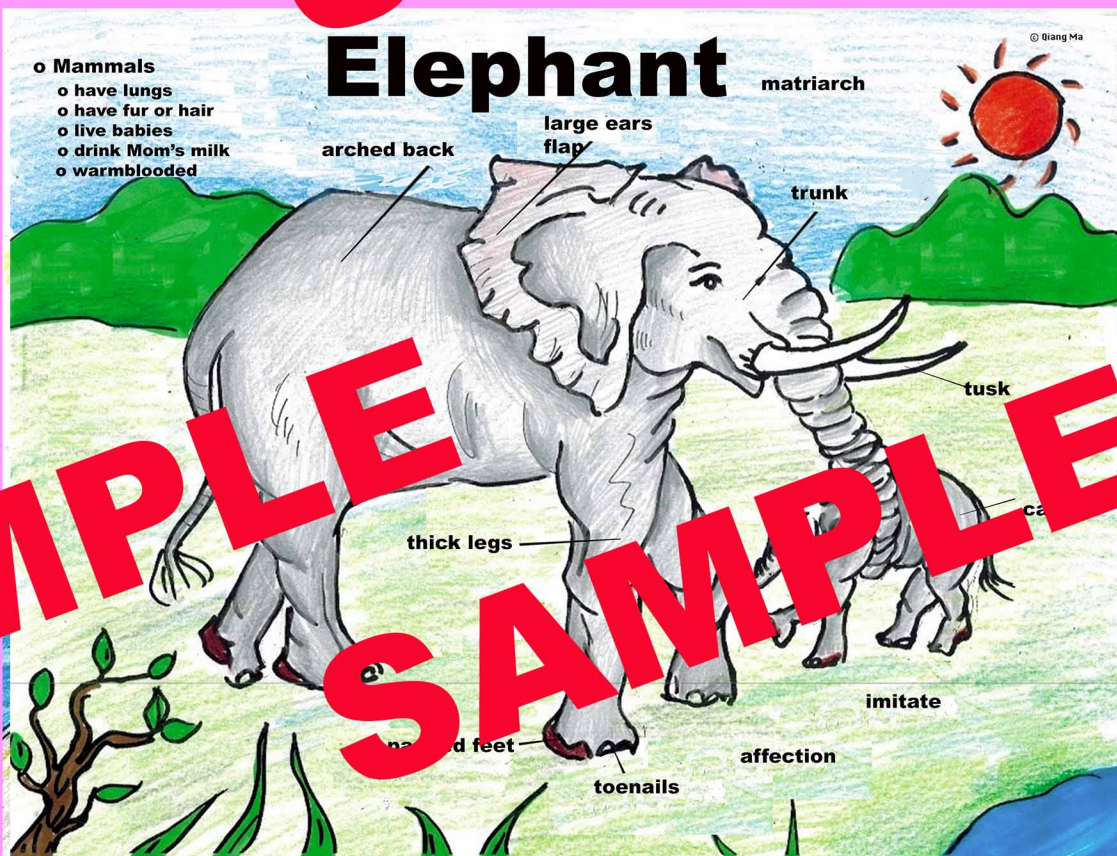
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## Getting Started: Elephant Close Reading

suggested to get the following items ready:

Items needed	Teacher	Student
The Book <u>Elephants of Africa</u> by Gail Gibbons	V	
Lesson Plan	V	
Vocab Poster	V * Teacher can blow the original black and white sample into a poster.	
Info Organizer	V	V
Blank Paper for Drawing on Day 1	V	V
1 Reading Passage	V	V
1 Text Dependent Questions Set	V	V
Vocabulary	V	V
1 Elephant Black and White Drawing	V	
1 Elephant Color Drawing Poster with labels	* Teacher can blow the original black and white sample into a poster.	* Students may create posters in groups by using each sample
Teacher Finished Sample Package: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elephant Color Drawing with labels</li> <li>• Vocab Poster with Post-it notes</li> <li>• Info Organizer completed</li> <li>• 1 Reading Passage with marks</li> <li>• 1 Text Dependent Questions Set with answers</li> <li>• Vocab Sheet with answers</li> </ul>	* Teacher is encouraged to type as much as possible for you to read easily. In real time, you are going to hand write to model for your students.	
Sharpie	V	V
Crayon/Markers	V	V
Post-It	*	

V: must, \*: optional

2. Read the lesson plan.
  3. Look at the finished sample which includes:
  4. Photocopy 5 pages (page 1, Every page, 1 Info Organizer, 1 Reading Passage, 1 Text Dependent Questions Set, and 1 Vocab Sheet) for students. Make an extra set for the teacher to use.
- The lesson is presented as cross curriculum among ELA, Science/Arts, Writing/Listening, and Fine Arts using close reading and GLAD strategies.

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