

1st and 2nd Grade Lesson 2: Marshes and Mountains

Intro

- Ask if any students are familiar with a marsh, the tide, mountains, habitats and climates
- Recall lesson 1 with the students, talk about which layer of the earth mountains are on (crust)
- Review how to find the main idea and details of a story (mini-lesson)

Listen and Respond Groups

- Divide the class in half
- One half should listen to *A Day at the Salt Marsh* by Kevin Kurtz and the other half should listen to *A Day on the Mountain* by Kevin Kurtz
- As a group (with teacher support if necessary) students should create a timeline or series of events that happens throughout their book. This can be on a poster, on the computer or any other format to show understanding of the series of events

Present

- This is a great opportunity to model good presentation skills
- Each group should share their report/poster and answer questions they might get from the other group about their book or project

Wrap Up/Assessment

- Students should each fill out a **Main Idea and Details** worksheet found in the Materials and Resources section to confirm understanding of what they listened to (variation: draw the main idea and details)