

## **Lesson 5: United States Ecosystems and Habitats Group Presentations**

Divide the students into four or five groups, three to four students per group. Explain to the students the difference between ecosystems and habitat. For example, the ocean is an ecosystem, while the coral reef in which a specific fish lives is habitat. Assign each group a state and ask the group to research an ecosystem found in that state. Students should identify the ecosystem, the habitat or habitats within the ecosystem and the species within the habitats. Some large states may have several ecosystems which have more than one habitat. Each group will then present their findings to the rest of the class. Their findings should include: the ecosystem, the habitats in the ecosystem, water sources, animals within the ecosystem, and does the ecosystem have a human population. The students may use their reports on species, books from the library or the internet as resources for this project.