

Arbor Day Activity #2

Teacher Instructions

In this activity, students will learn and understand the purpose of the parts of a tree. They will then plant a tree as a group in celebration of Arbor Day.

Preparation: Before you begin this activity with your students, you will need to find a location and permission to plant a tree. If you are not sure what type of tree to purchase, explore the [Arbor Day Tree Nursery](#) to find one that is appropriate for your [hardiness zone](#).

Instructions to Student:

Trees give us food and oxygen. They are without a doubt an important part of our world. We will be planting a tree today. Before we plant our tree, let's learn about the different parts of a tree so we can see how they help a tree to exist.

1. In a dictionary, look up the following parts of a tree to understand their job: *leaves, twigs/branches, crown, roots, trunk, and bark.*
2. Complete the **Parts of a Tree** graphic organizer.
3. Watch the "[Go Plant a Tree](#)" video from PBS Kids Plum Landing. (You will need Adobe Flash to watch this video.)
4. Review the instructions for how the tree will be planted. (See the "[How to Plant Your Trees](#)" by the Arbor Day Foundation for instructions on bare root, containerized, or balled & burlapped planting.)
5. Plant a tree!

Handouts:

- **Parts of a Tree** graphic organizer

Resources:

- <https://shop.arborday.org/content.aspx?page=tree-nursery>
- <http://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/>
- http://pbskids.org/plumlanding/educators/context/142_go_plant_a_tree.html
- <https://www.arborday.org/trees/planting/>