

The Peacock & the Crane



This lesson addresses the 2nd grade standard LAFS.2.RL.1.2
“I can recount stories to determine their central message, lesson or moral.”

First watch the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZFZaJurU6c>

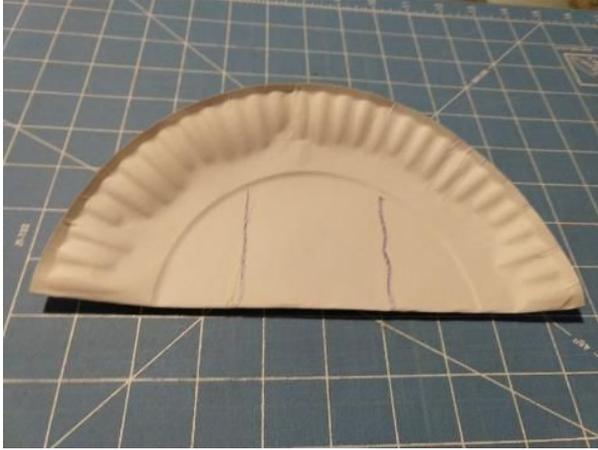
Now let's make a peacock and a crane!

For this project you will need:

- ❖ Paper plates
- ❖ Colorful paper
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Crayons
- ❖ Popsicle stick
- ❖ Glue



Take one paper plate and fold it in half. Draw two lines about 2 ½ to 3 inches apart. Cut on the two lines up to the curve in the plate and cut along the curve. Cut a line half way down in the middle. This will divide your peacock body from your crane body.



Draw the peacock's neck and head on one side of the cut-out and the crane's on the other.

Flip and draw them again on the other side.

Be sure you have them both on the same sides when they're unfolded!



Now let's work on the tails!

Take a second paper plate and fold it in half then press the sides together. On the inner side, draw the wings for the crane. Only go half way up for the back of your crane.



Now take your colorful paper and cut out your peacock's tail feathers.



Glue your feathers onto the paper plate.

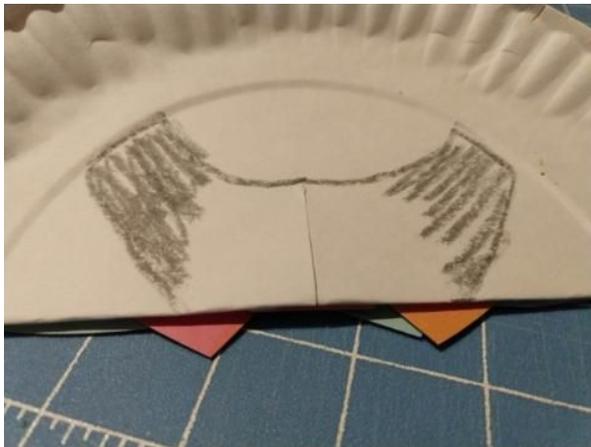
My paper had circles on one side and blue on the other so I decided to use both sides.



Cut a line through all layers to the top of the crane's back.

Some of the feather bottom edges may stick over the edge of your plate.

You can trim those off.



Put the popsicle stick in the middle of the neck and head piece, then slide the two pieces together so your birds stand up!



Think about the story you saw.

Question: Why was the peacock so proud?

Answer: He thought being beautiful made him more important than the other birds.

Question: Was the crane impressed with the peacock's colorful tail?

Answer: No, she was happy being herself and having her own abilities.

I hope you've enjoyed this lesson!

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