



Educator's Vault Lesson

Artist: Clyde Connell

Grade Level: Secondary

Inspiration:

Observe Louisiana bayous and swamps, let students pick out the kinds of trees, foliage and plants.

Observe Connell's *Gates of the South Wind* from the Educator's Vault.

Questions for Students:

- What is the sky like in the bayou?
- What kind of animals are in the bayou?
- What sounds are in the swamp?
- Why does a bayou/swamp need a Gate?
- What is the purpose of the gate?
- Why do we use gates?

Process:

Using discarded materials, like toilet cardboard rolls, tooth picks, egg cartons, string or yarn, sticks and small stones, students will build their own "Gate" for their bayou/swamp.