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Invasive Species

Activity 15



Objectives

Each student will utilize the Google Docs presentation application to create a presentation about an invasive species that is disrupting North American ecosystems.

Benchmarks for Technology Standards

Students will know the characteristics, uses, and basic features of computer software programs, including:

- using the common features of desktop publishing software (e.g., documents are created, designed, and formatted for publication; data and graphics can be imported into a document using desktop publishing software)

Learning Objectives

At the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

1. create a new presentation document
2. know the various terms associated with presentations, including slides, theme, slide show, normal view, title, and subtitle
3. select a theme for a presentation
4. insert a title into a presentation
5. insert a subtitle into a presentation
6. insert a bulleted list into a presentation
7. insert an image into a presentation
8. insert a caption into a presentation
9. insert two columns into a presentation
10. change the size of the font within a presentation
11. create a new slide within a presentation
12. view the presentation as a slide show
13. download the presentation in different formats

Before the Computer

This activity is written using the zebra mussel as the invasive species, but you may choose to have your students research another invasive organism, and substitute it when creating their presentations. An example set of presentation slides for this activity is shown in Figure 15-1.

Invasive Species (cont.)

Activity 15

Presentations

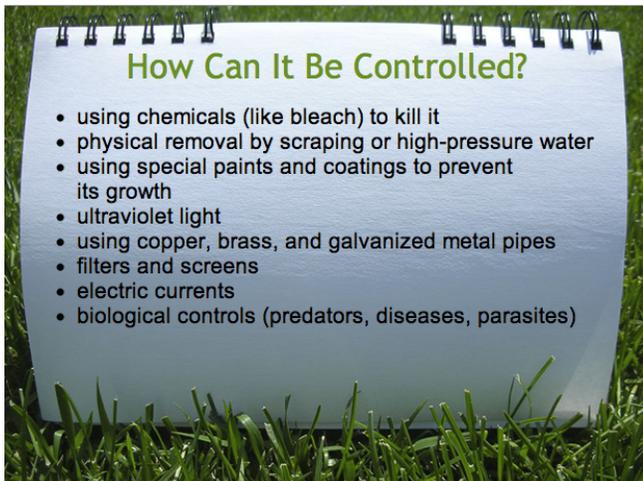
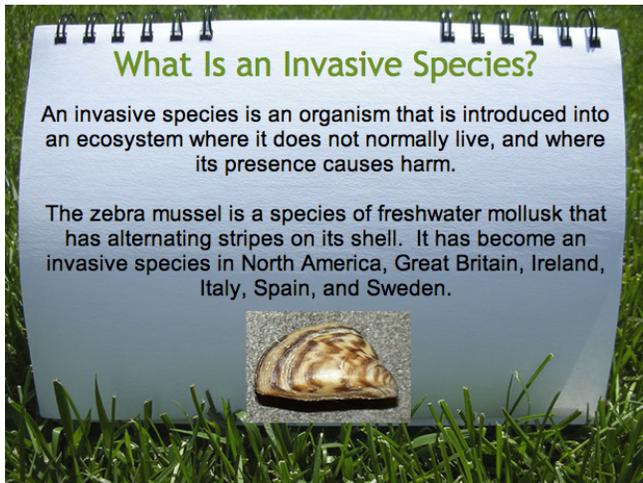
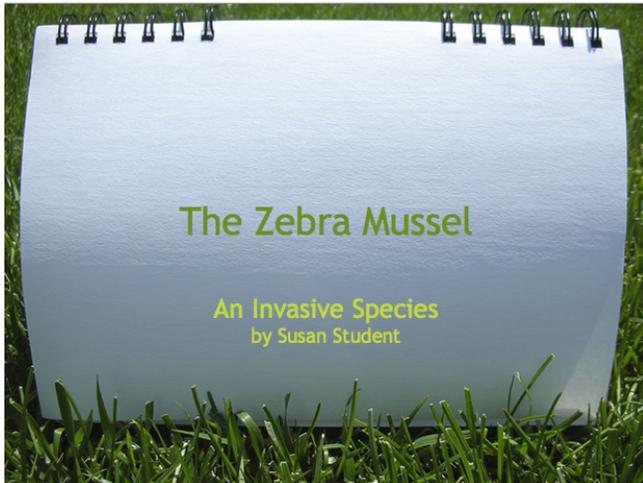


Figure 15-1

Invasive Species *(cont.)*

Activity 15



Procedure

1. Open a new presentation document in Google Docs.
2. At the top of the document in the **Untitled Presentation** box, type your last name and “Invasive Species” (Figure 15-2).



Figure 15-2

3. Next, you are going to set the theme for your presentation. A theme is a specific format for a presentation, which is applied to all slides. Select the **Format** menu, **Presentation settings**, and choose **Change theme** (Figure 15-3).

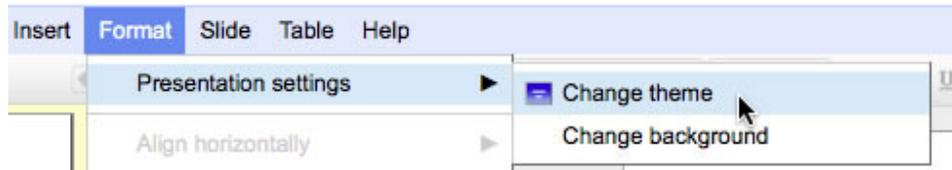


Figure 15-3

4. In the **Choose Theme** window, select **Grass** (Figure 15-4).



Figure 15-4

5. Now that you have set up your theme, click into the **Click to add title** box and type “The Zebra Mussel” (Figure 15-5).

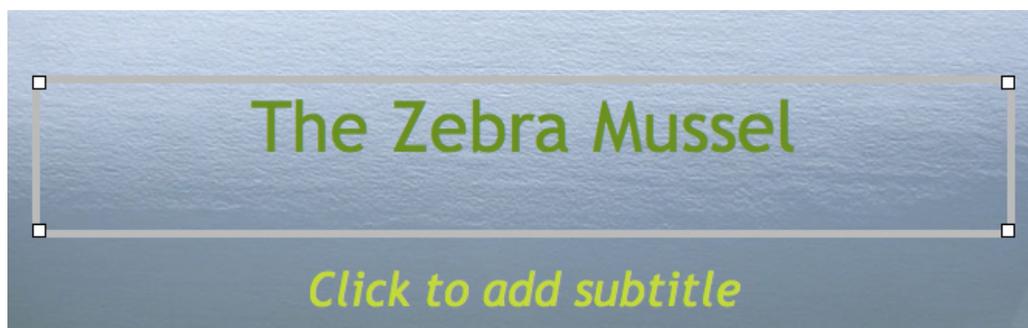


Figure 15-5

6. Next, click down into the **Click to add subtitle** box and enter “An Invasive Species.”