

ACTIVITY PLAN

Grades: 3, 4, 5

Subject: Earth Science

Topic: Geology/Natural Disasters

Lesson: Volcano Eruption

Objectives:

- Explain what volcanos are
- Describe what happens when baking soda and vinegar are mixed

Materials:

- 2 plastic cups
- 1 tsp of baking soda
- Playdough or Plaster of Paris to decorate the volcano
- 1/4 cup of vinegar
- 1 tsp of liquid dish soap
- Water
- Food Coloring (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. Shape the Playdough/Plaster of Paris around a plastic cup to make the volcano and decorate
- 2. Mix the vinegar, dish soap, a few drops of water, and food coloring in the unused plastic cup
- 3. Add the baking soda to the cup in the crater of the volcano
- 4. Quickly pour the vinegar mixture into the crater and observe the reaction that takes place



Notes:

We'd suggest conducting this activity outside or on a baking sheet for easy cleanup and limited mess