Habitat Match

Lesson Plan for *North America*
Grade 1

Objective
To help students explore the various landscapes found in North America and the animals that live in each one.

Things Needed
- *North America* book
- Whiteboard
- Access to the "North America" web page on the Pop! website: http://popbooksonline.com/continents/north-america/

Before the Activity
Write two columns of words on the whiteboard. The column on the left should contain the following words: *bison*, *cactus*, *moose*, *sunfish*, *toucan*, *wolverine*. Write the following words in a column on the right: *desert*, *forest*, *grassland*, *mountain*, *rain forest*, *river*.

Activity
Read *North America* out loud to students. When you finish, pull up the "Watch a Video" tab on the Pop! web page and read the video's caption aloud to students. Then pull up the "Learn More" tab and read the text on that page, too. Explain that North America contains many kinds of landscapes. Different plants and animals live in each one. Ask students to look at the words on the whiteboard. Explain that the left side is a list of plants and animals. On the right side is a list of habitats. Work together as a class to match each animal or plant to the habitat where it lives.

Evaluation
Could students match each plant or animal to its habitat? For ones not directly mentioned in the book or website, provide prompting to help readers determine the most likely habitat. Answers are listed below:

bison → grassland
cactus → desert
moose → forest
sunfish → river
toucan → rain forest
wolverine → mountain

Standards
This lesson plan may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 1 (RI 1.1).