



EXPLORE

Student Activity Page—copy and distribute as needed

To end this activity, you will be creating a virtual garden containing five plants that are native to the area in which you live.

If you'd like, and if your teacher approves, you might decide to create your garden in an area other than where you live now.

Visit the website below and look at the map with the 11 color-coded hardiness. Then click on the zone in which you live or enter your zip code and find the list of plants that grow in your area of the country. The "Color Chart Reference" will give you the temperatures for your zone.

Gardening.com

<http://www.garden.org/zipzone>

Use this site to gather information about your virtual garden. If you need extra help finding information about the plants you have chosen, visit the botany.com site:

Encyclopedia of Plants and Gardening

<http://www.botany.com/>

The Hardiness Zone in which I'm planting my virtual garden

is _____

The lowest temperatures in this region are usually between

_____ and _____ °F

TEACHERS

A single activity page is provided for exercise. Please copy and distribute it as necessary so that students may complete the activity.

Plant # _____

Common name: _____

Botanical name: _____

Height and width: _____

Type of plant (moss, fern, conifer, monocot, dicot): _____

Blooming season: _____

General plant description: _____

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