

# Grade Four Diorama project

## Saved At Sea

Presentation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Decide on a **SCENE** that you want to depict from the book. Decide what size scale you would like your scene to be. If you've got a focus (Lego people, playmobil, plastic animals, etc), use things that are consistent with that size.
- 2 Collect your **MATERIALS**--human and/or animal figures, trees or buildings, or doll house furniture and miniature foods for an interior scene.
- 3 Decide on a **BACKGROUND**--you can paint or draw your own or use wallpaper or wrapping paper or anything else you can find. Remember, though, that the background images should be consistent with the scene and size that you've chosen.
- 4 Choose a **CONTAINER**. School projects often use cardboard boxes or shoe boxes, but you can use just about anything. It should be light but fairly sturdy, especially if you will need to move the diorama around. The diorama should be no bigger than the size of your desk, and no smaller than a shoe box. Boot boxes are an excellent size if you can find them.
- 5 **BUILD** your diorama working from the back to the front. Start with the background by creating a horizon and sky/ceiling and ground/floor. Then place large objects such as trees. The smallest objects should be placed the closest to the front. Use glue, putty, or plasticine to secure the objects.

## ORAL PRESENTATION:

Be prepared to tell the class about the diorama that you made. This should take 2-3 minutes.

- Begin by telling us the TITLE OF THE BOOK and the AUTHOR'S NAME.

“The book I did my project on was called \_\_\_\_\_  
written by \_\_\_\_\_. The story takes place in  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

- Introduce the CHARACTERS that are in your scene, and give us a brief DESCRIPTION of what's happening in the story at the time your scene takes place. Be sure to give us enough information so that we know why this scene was important to the story.
- Tell us WHY you chose this particular scene to represent the book SAVED AT SEA. Tell us what you thought of the story.

