

Let's Find Out About It: Garden Design

Standard Connection: ELA.RI.PK4.1 ELA.L.PK4.5 M.G.PK4.2 S.LS.PK4.3 S.ES.PK4.1a SS.FC.PK4.6a

Enduring Understanding(s):

• Living things need food, water, and proper conditions to survive and thrive.

Essential Question(s):

• How do living things respond and adapt to their environments?

Materials	Vocabulary		Books
 The Ugly Vegetables Zinnia's Flower Garden images of gardens (see Resource) 	crop: plant products that are grown and used for food or materials design: to think up, to create gardener: a person who takes care of a garden	label: to describe something in a word or short phrase row: items arranged in straight lines sign: a piece of wood, metal, or plastic with words or pictures on it	Zinnia's Flower Garden The Ugly Vegetables by Grace Lin

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Preparation: Set up materials.			
"In Zinnia's Flower Garden and in The Ugly Vegetables, Zinnia, the girl, and her mother planted gardens . What do you notice?"	Show illustrations. Children respond.		
"Zinnia planted a flower garden . The girl and her mother planted a vegetable garden . What do you notice?"	Show illustrations. Children respond.		
"Here are images of other gardens . What do you notice?"	Show images. Children respond.		
"The gardens are different sizes and have different crops . The crops are planted in rows - straight lines - and labeled with signs ."	Show images.		
"Gardeners decide the size of their gardens and the best location for their crops to get light and water. How is a garden design similar to or different from a blueprint for a building?"	Children respond.		

