

# Savanna Safari

## Flannel Board Pieces

Kids love manipulating flannel board figures,. My classroom kiddos of all ages used these figures to retell stories they had heard, to make up their own stories, make math problems, and to share what they had learned with the class. They aren't just for preschoolers anymore! These African savanna images are easy to make using card stock and sandpaper. Your kids will have fun learning more about the African savanna as they play with these colorful, realistic images.

### Preparation Directions:

Run off pages 2-11 on card stock, laminate, trim (you can cut off the black bubbles if you wish), and glue a piece of sand paper on the back of each image. Then place them in a large labeled manila envelope. (Use the label above right.)

**To Make a Flannel Board:** Cover a piece of foam board with black or blue flannel. Tape all the edges securely in the back.

### Uses:

- Tell a story to the class using the pieces.
- Create a setting for a story or report about life on the savanna.
- Use the pieces to introduce plants and animals of the savanna.
- Give small groups a set of pieces and have each group create a story or report to share with the class.
- Put the pieces in a hat. Have one student at a time pull out a piece, then make up a sentence about the item and add it to the board. The sentence could continue a story the group is creating.
- Put the materials at your classroom center or museum for free time play.
- Have each student choose an item and do some research to share with the class.
- Make up a finger play or rhyming jingle using a few of the items.









































