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6th	grade
Topic	, Standard, or Objective: *
•	How do food webs describe the ways in which animals in an ecosystem are related?
	ional Criteria: This lesson will be an introductory lesson where students are being introduced to the roles that particular organisms play in an ecosystem, including producers, primary consumers, secondary consumers and decomposers.
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Exploring Food Webs in Ecosystems

Objective:

Students will be able to describe how food webs depict the relationships between animals in an ecosystem, including the roles of producers, primary consumers, secondary consumers, and decomposers.

Assessment:

At the end of the lesson, students will complete a worksheet where they identify the different organisms in a food web and label them as producers, primary consumers, secondary consumers, or decomposers.

Key Points:

- . Food webs are diagrams that show the feeding relationships between organisms in an ecosystem.
- · Producers, such as plants, use sunlight to make their own food through photosynthesis.
- · Primary consumers, such as herbivores, eat the producers.
- Secondary consumers, such as carnivores, eat the primary consumers.
- Decomposers, such as bacteria and fungi, break down dead organisms and waste, returning nutrients to the
 ecosystem.

Opening:

- Begin the lesson by showing students a picture of a food web and ask them to identify the different organisms in the web.
- . Engage students in a discussion about how they think the organisms in the web are related to each other.

Introduction to New Material:

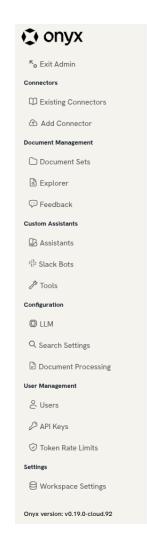
- Provide students with a definition of a food web and explain its purpose in representing the relationships between organisms in an ecosystem.
- Show examples of different organisms and ask students to identify whether they are producers, primary
 consumers, secondary consumers, or decomposers.
- Address the misconception that animals can only be part of one food chain and emphasize the interconnectedness of organisms in a food web.

Guided Practice:

- Divide students into small groups and provide them with food web diagrams.
- Ask students to identify the different organisms in the food web and label them according to their roles as
 producers, primary consumers, secondary consumers, or decomposers.
- Circulate throughout the classroom, monitoring student performance and providing guidance and support as needed.

Independent Practice:

- · Distribute the worksheet to each student.
- · Instruct students to identify and label the organisms in the given food web diagram.
- Encourage students to refer back to the key points discussed earlier in the lesson.
- · Set clear behavioral expectations for the independent practice time.



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