SWAMP SIMILES

This is a comparison activity where students explore the values of a marsh or wetland. Each student or 2 – 3 students are given an object and asked how it relates to a value of a marsh/swamp or wetland. There are many possibilities for answers, and have the class discuss several answers for each object.

- Sponge – acts to soak up pollutants, water, and/or trash before entering the river system
- Diaper – holds pollutants, water, and/or trash before entering the river
- Pacifier – acts as a nursery
- Umbrella – provides shade/shelter for organisms
- Strainer – filters out harmful pollutants before entering the river
- Coffee filter – filters out pollutants
- Beater – mixes nutrients into the river system
- Cereal box – nutrient rich environment
- Band Aid – helps to keep river system healthy by acting as a buffer
- Tums – neutralizes pollutants before they flow into the river