

## READING AND DRAWING SCIENCE

In Arts and Education, Herbert Read wrote "Art is the representation, science the explanation of the same reality." To help students develop reading skills and to connect science with art, give students an expository text about an animal or even something invisible such as an atom and ask them to draw an illustration based on the information in the text.

Students can work on this in teams or individually. This activity also can be used as an alternative assessment. It is adaptable to all grade levels and also can be used to teach social studies or any other subject students read.

Use expository text that is very clear and descriptive. Ask students to draw what the text describes.

Assign the text to the class to read. Then give the following direction:

*Draw an illustration that shows this information. Include all the important parts that are mentioned in the text.*