

Lesson Title : **The History of Elk**

Essential Question: **Where are the elk in Pennsylvania?**



Instructional Time needed for Lesson: 30-40 minutes

Lesson Summary:

In this lesson students will learn about the six subspecies of elk and how they came into existence. They will also learn about the history of elk in Pennsylvania. Through this they will gain an understanding of conservation, wildlife management, extinction, and wildlife reintroductions.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of class instruction students will be able to:

Objective 1: Students will be able to verbalize some basic facts on elk history and the Pennsylvania reintroduction of elk.

Objective 2: Students will be able to express basic knowledge on the subspecies of modern elk.

Objective 3: Students will be able to repeat and elaborate on the specific dates pertaining to the Pennsylvania elk reintroduction.

Objective 4: Students will be able to state the six subspecies of elk in North America.

Objective 5: Students will be able to name the four members of the North American deer family.

Objective 6: Students will be able to describe how the development of civilization impacts and changes the environment.

Extension:

Compare and contrast the different habitats that the six subspecies of elk inhabit.

Compare and contrast the adaptations that the subspecies of elk have and how they relate to their environment.

Key Terms:

- Extinct
- Threatened
- Endangered
- Extirpated
- Subspecies
- Reintroduction
- Hunting
- Conservation
- Wildlife management
- Steward
- Overhunting
- Overexploitation
- Recycle
- Ecosystem
- Environment
- Sustain
- Renewable Resource
- Nonrenewable Resource
- Evolution
- Population

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