



Invasive Species Game for Elementary School Students



The Kudzu Spreading Tag Game

- This game can be played with any invasive species so you can make it specific to the area in which you live.
 - This game can be played either outside or in a gym and the whole class can participate.
 - This game can be used as an introductory activity or a follow-up activity.
1. Create boundaries for a large area (about the size of a basketball court).
 2. Choose one or two students to be kudzu. (They are “it”).
 3. The kudzu stand in the middle of the large area and the rest of the class members stand on one side of the field.
 4. When the teacher yells “spread”, all of the students should try to run from the side they are on to the other side of the field without being tagged by the kudzu.
 5. If a student is tagged by the kudzu, then they must hold one hand with the kudzu thereby making the kudzu longer. This student is now able to tag as part of the kudzu.
 6. The teacher keeps yelling spread until all but one student is left. The rest of the students have become a part of the vine of kudzu. The student left is the winner and becomes the kudzu for the next game.

This game shows how kudzu can quickly spread itself over a field because there is no mechanism in the environment to keep it from over-populating.