

Planting Your Victory Garden

Victory Garden Series Part 4

GRADES:

4 - 12 (refer to suggested modifications at the end of this document)

DURATION:

Varies depending on the level. This can be done in one day. This activity is part 4 of the larger series on Victory Gardens. You can find the other parts [here on The Teacher's Toolbox, our education blog](#).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Children will be able to construct meaning out of multiple sources.
- Children will understand how proper planning helps with project completion.
- Children will have a better understanding of where the produce they eat comes from.

MATERIALS:

- Victory Garden posters you created or colored from Part 1 – History of Victory Gardens
- Zoned Out Worksheet from Part 2 – Hardiness Zones
- Map My Garden Worksheet from Part 3 – Mapping Your Garden
- Seeds and/or plant starts
- Garden tools
- Gloves
- Something to mark your garden. [Here are some ideas](#).
- Clothes to get dirty

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For Children

Successful planning lead to a successful project! You've done the hard work, now it's time to get dirty! Looking at your Garden Zones worksheet and you Map My Garden worksheet, decide what you want to plant and where you want to plant it! The best part about gardening is you get to plant what YOU like to eat. Plus, you can be proud to see all the delicious ways your hard work paid off.

For Adults

Review the previous activities, particularly the Planning Your Garden activity. Depending on the age of your child you may need to provide additional help if you are going to build raised beds or need to shovel dirt. For the most basic garden, we suggest doing a container garden. There are a variety of items to use for container gardens, from more traditional pots to plastic totes – you can use anything sitting around that will hold dirt!

Remember, this is the child's garden so let them be creative! Part of the magic of gardening is making mistakes and learning from them, as well as unexpected surprises! If you get stuck make sure to check out

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The Ohio State University Extension’s [“Ask a Master Gardener”](#) tool where you can get all sorts of garden and yard questions answered! In addition, the [OSU Extension website](#) is a wealth of information.

ACTIVITY OUTLINE:

1. If you’ve done the previous activities you are ready to go! Make sure you have those worksheets handy and secure any seeds or plant starts you will need.
2. OSU Extension’s “Planning for the Garden” information sheet, attached, will provide additional info for you such as when to plant and how long certain plants will take to mature (and eat!).
3. Remember, there’s no such thing as a “perfect” Victory Garden. The most important thing is to have fun!

ADAPTATION FOR EACH GRADE:

4th and 5th graders will need more adult assistance with this activity. Middle school and high school students should be able to do the majority of this activity with minimal assistance.

EXTENSION:

Don’t forget your Victory Garden posters. Use the ones you designed or colored from Part 1, or find ready-to-print posters [here on The Teacher’s Toolbox, our education blog](#). You can laminate one and stick it in your garden so everyone knows you are doing your part!

ONE MORE THING:

Let us know how it went! Tag us on social media or email us at education@ohiohistory.org.

