

Teacher lead samples

## **Startling Fact**

**Almost all the parts of the Great Blue Heron can be described as long. Close to four feet tall, this bird has a long neck, long bill, and long legs. Flying overhead, its six-foot long wings make an unforgettable sight. It's like watching a dinosaur soar past!**

## **Action!**

**A Great Blue Heron stands as still as a statue at the water's edge. With an intense stare and its sharp beak posed like an arrow, the heron waits. Then in a lightning-fast motion, she strikes. Snapping her meal she swallows the creature whole. With a loud, croaky call---'FRAWNK'--away she flies!**

## **Definition**

**Erie is lucky to have a magnificent bird like the Great Blue Heron nest on Presque Isle. Like all herons, it is a wading bird and lives along the water or wetlands. It is the tallest of the herons and its feathers are a blue gray. A black 'eyebrow' runs above each eye, and a long black plume stands behind the head.**