

Animal Research Project

Step 1: ANIMAL

Find an animal you would like to research and find lots of information about.

Step 2: RESEARCH

Begin researching your animal. I suggest that you have a minimum of three resources. The resources could include the following:

1. A nonfiction book. You may choose a short, specific book on your animal or a book with an article/chapter on your animal.
2. An internet website of your choice. Suggested sites include:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/animals/>

<http://www.seaworld.org/animal-info/animal-bytes/index.htm>

<http://animal.discovery.com/animals/>

<http://www.mbgnet.net/>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Animals/CreatureFeature>

<http://www.extremescience.com/zoom/index.php/animal-kingdom>

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/>

<http://www.kidsites.com/sites-edu/animals.htm>

3. You might find information from another book, website, scientific magazine or encyclopedia.

Step 3: REPORT *(Your report should be either typed or neatly handwritten).*

Once you have gathered your information, you must begin writing your report. Your report could be organised as follows:

Title Page: Include a title, your name, and a picture or drawing of your animal

Paragraph 1: Characteristics/Introduction

• Write about the distinguishing features or interesting facts about your animal. Here you should give information regarding whether the animal is a vertebrate or invertebrate, and if it is a mammal, reptile, etc. What are the characteristics of that group of animals?

Paragraph 2: Habitat

• Describe the habitat your animal lives in (grasslands, mild forest lands, desert, tropical rain forest, saltwater shores, freshwater rivers, freshwater lakes and ponds, deep sea, etc.)

Paragraph 3: Food

• Describe what food is available to your animal in its habitat and how it gets and eats its food. Please include an illustration of your animal's food chain.

Paragraph 4: Adaptations

• Describe different ways your animal has adapted its body or lifestyle to survive in its habitat (camouflage, is it a learned behavior or an inherited behavior etc.).

*****(Paragraphs should be a minimum of 5 sentences= 1 topic, 3 details, 1 concluding sentence)**

EXTRA/OPTIONAL

Diorama

• Construct a diorama, a three-dimensional scene which includes models of your animal in its habitat.

Cool Collage

• Create a collage showing pictures or 3-D items that relate to your animal and the research you found. Include facts on your collage.

Animal Planet Reporter

• Pretend you are a reporter from Animal Planet presenting a segment on your animal. Write a short script to help you decide what you will report on. Then, video your newscast. Remember to share the most interesting facts about your animal.

PowerPoint

• Create a PowerPoint presentation to outline the information in your report. Make your presentation exciting by adding pictures, animation, and a cool background. You can either email this PowerPoint to me.