

Endangered Species Research Paper
Enrichment Extra Credit

STEP 1

What animal are you interested in learning more about? Research some species that are endangered before you commit to researching one animal. Most, if not all animals from the zoo are endangered.

STEP 2

Write a scripted letter to an environmental organization. The name of the organization will be provided.

STEP 3

You will chose one animal to research and find a minimum of 5 sources of information about that animal. A maximum of 3 sources may be copied from the internet. Some other sources are the encyclopedia, magazines, library books, national geographic fact files and videos.

STEP 4

Together we will put together an outline during group meetings. It will need to typed in black ink and standard 12 pt font.

STEP 5

You will have time to take notes and gather information about your animal. Each useful piece of information will be transferred to a single note card. A minimum of 50 cards will be needed.

STEP 6

A bibliography will part of the research process. Information as to how to put one together will be provided.

STEP 7

Type the final copy of your research paper. It must be typed in a standard 12 point font, black ink double spaced, 3 page minimum and bound with a clear cover.

SUMMARY OF STEPS

- *find and animal to research
- *type a letter to an environmental organization
- *find five sources of information that will be brought to class
- *write 50 note cards of information
- *type an outline
- *type a bibliography
- *type and assemble your research paper

Students volunteering to research information about an endangered species animal will receive extra credit and have the experience of walking thorough the research process one step at a time with my assistance. Some of the research will be done outside of school on your own time. The classroom will be available to anyone wanting to research after school. If you need to research using a computer, Mrs. Fleming will be available in the lower lab for supervising only. You will need to speak with her ahead of time to arrange to stay after school. We will decide together how far to space each of the steps of this checklist in order to allow enough time to complete each part of the project. As a group, we will come up with dates when each piece of information will be due. The expected date of completion for this project is tentatively scheduled for the end of November. This is an extra credit enrichment project and not part of the regular curriculum. The main objective is to allow you to become more aware of environmental issues which are critical to the existence of all species and to be familiar with the research process for future projects.

Mrs. Kanger