Curious about toothy tyrants? Research the American Alligator and then make your own marshy monster.

**Directions**

1. **Create**
   ✓ Research the American Alligator using books, the internet, and any other sources you like.
   ✓ Look at pictures of alligators and note their unique physical characteristics. What can you tell about their habitat and lifestyle by their appearance?
   ✓ When you have the information you need, sculpt an accurate replica of an alligator.
   ✓ You may use any materials you like to create your alligator replica.

2. **Explain**
   ✓ Include notecards with your replica in which you identify the physical adaptations of the American Alligator.
   ✓ Notecards should include how the physical adaptations help the alligator survive in its environment.

3. **Share**
   ✓ Be prepared to share your replica with the class.
   ✓ Share how you constructed your replica.
   ✓ Choose one of the physical adaptations and explain it to your classmates.