

Zoo Animal Research Questions

Students may come up with their own questions, but here are a few ideas to get them started.

-Classification: Is your animal a mammal, reptile, fish, amphibian, invertebrate or bird?

-Now that you've determined it's classification, what are the characteristics of your class of animal? (ex: Mammals are warm blooded, drink milk and have fur on their bodies.)

-Anatomy/appearance: What does your animal look like? How big is it? What shape is it's body? What does an average one weigh? Describe the teeth, head, neck, tail. Draw a picture of it if you can.

-Locomotion: Can your animal move? If so, how does it move?(Does it walk, fly, jump, burrow, etc.) Is it slow moving or fast moving? Why is this important to survival?

-Diet: What does your animal eat and how does it get it's food? Is it a herbivore (plant eater), a carnivore (meat eater) or omnivore (eats plants and meat.)

-Habitat and Range: What type of biome does this animal prefer (does it live in a desert, swamp, tundra, deep sea, coral reef, tropical rainforest, pond or other habitat?)

-Behavior: Describe interesting features of your animal's behavior. Does it burrow underground? Does it hibernate? Is it nocturnal or diurnal?

-Enemies: What animals eat your animal? Who are its enemies?

-Extinction: Is your animal species in danger of extinction?

-Something Special: Is there anything special about this animal? Why were you interested in this animal?

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