

# Animal Species Report Guidelines

This is a research report on an animal species that lives in the wild. You will need to use MS Word or a word processor, and will also be using the 6+1 Traits of Writing. I will post links that you may use and also the steps of the 6+1 Traits on my website: <http://mrhansons7thgradescience.weebly.com/>

When writing your report, you will need to focus on writing what you learn about the specific animal species you have selected. Insure that you have topic sentences and details for each of your paragraphs. Format: Title page must include your title and the name of the animal, a nice picture, your name, date, Period, and Mr. Hanson's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Class. Paper must be double spaced, 12 font, with indent paragraphs. Your last page will be the, "Works Cited" page. Any website or print media you use must be cited (only five are needed). I use the MLA format for citing works. I will discuss this in class and will have the MLA Citation Generator website linked on my website. **DO NOT COPY OR PASTE TEXT FROM THE INTERNET!!!**

Guidelines:

**1. Title Page**

**2. Body of your Paper: Explanations and details.**

- a. Introduce your animal, the common name, and scientific name (two word name).
- b. What is the scientific classification of this animal (how is it classified)– List this beginning with the Kingdom Animalia all the way down to the Genus and Species names.
- c. What ecosystem does the animal live?
- d. What other animals are found in its community?
- e. What is its Habitat and Range, and Niche?
- f. How is it competing for food, water, living space, shelter, mates, nesting sites, etc.?
- g. Statistics on numbers of this species - What is its Conservation Status or Species Survival Status?
- h. Include the animals' appearance and anatomy, diet, locomotion, life cycle, age of maturity, reproduction, gestation period, behavior, type of consumer (carnivore, omnivore, herbivore, scavenger), are they a predator/prey, do they have symbiotic relationships with other organisms (mutualism, commensalism, parasitism), size and weight.
- i. Does it have any enemies, defenses, and does it cooperate with other organisms.
- j. You will need to write about the food web/chain and their place in it.
- k. Include some fun facts about your animal.

**3. Citations Page:** Cite all your internet and print resources (you need only five) using the MLA Citation Generator on your last page entitled "Works Cited".

The 6 + 1 Writing Traits Rubric is linked on my website. That is how you will be scored on your assignment. I will coach you through the process and provide lessons in class for every step of this writing process. Also, guidelines for the 6+1 Traits are linked.

The assignment will be given on 15 April and will be due on 30 April. The project will be worth 100 points. Remember, have fun learning about the animal you choose. By the time you finish, you should be the expert on this animal, and will share your knowledge with the class.