

Due: 4/20

Oral Animal Report and Poster

	Title
1.	Name of animal (including scientific name), your name, your class and a picture of your animal.
2.	<p>Classification: How is this animal classified? In the Linnaean system of classification, organisms are classified into a Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, and species.</p> <p>What animals is it closely related to?</p> <p>Animal's evolution - Who are the early ancestors and how has the animal changed over time?</p>
3.	<p>Anatomy/Appearance - What does your animal look like? Describe the colors of the animal as well as any variations you may find in your species.</p> <p>How big is your animal? What is the average size? Is there a difference between males and females of your species?</p> <p>What shape is its body?</p> <p>What does an average one weigh?</p> <p>Does it have horns, antlers, fur, crests or claws? Describe the teeth, head, neck, tail, etc. How many legs does it have? Are its legs long or short?</p> <p>How many eyes and how many body parts does it have? Does it molt as it grows? Draw a picture if you can.</p> <p>Locomotion: Can your animal move? If so, how does your animal move (does it walk, fly, jump, burrow, etc.)? Is it slow-moving or fast-moving? Why is this important to its survival? For example, most fast-moving animals are fast so that they can catch dinner (like the cheetah) or avoid becoming dinner (like the deer).</p>
4.	<p>Behavior/Adaptations</p> <p>Life Cycle/Reproduction: Give information on the animal's life cycle and reproduction. How does your animal find a mate? What are the "nesting" habits of your animal (how it prepares for its young)? How long do the parents take care of their offspring? Do they both take care of them, does</p>

	<p>just one take care of them, or do they leave their offspring at birth? Why?</p> <p>Adaptations: What are the obvious adaptations of your animal to its environment? For example, the giraffe's neck is an adaptation for obtaining leaves that are high off the ground. It also has tough lips to avoid thorns on its main food source.</p> <p>Behavior: Describe interesting features of your animal's behavior. For example: Is there evidence of herding or is it a solitary animal? Does it burrow underground? Does it hibernate or migrate in cold weather? Is it nocturnal (most active at night)?</p> <p>Defense/Offense: How does it defend itself (and/or attack other animals)? Does it use teeth, fangs, claws, armor, horns, antlers, pincers, poison, a stinger, muscles, a strong smell, and/or something else?</p> <p>Natural Enemies: What animals eat or otherwise kill your animal?</p>
5.	<p>Habitat/Region</p> <p>What type of <u>biome</u> does this animal prefer (does it live in the desert, swamp, tundra, deep sea, coral reef, tropical rainforest, pond, or other habitat)? Where in the world does it live? List the continent(s), country/countries, and/or smaller areas that it lives in. Include any past areas where the animal was found as well as why it is not in that area any more.</p>
6.	<p>Diet: What does your animal eat and how does it get its food? Is it an herbivore (plant eater), carnivore (meat eater), omnivore (eating meat and plants), or something else? Is there something unusual in the way your animal eats? Where is your animal in the <u>food web</u> (is it a top predator, like the grizzly bear, is it at the base of the food web, like krill, or is it somewhere in the middle)?</p>
7.	<p>Species Survival Status: Is this animal species in danger of extinction? If so, why? Has it lost habitat, lost a food source, or has it been overhunted?</p> <p>Something Special: Is there anything special about this animal? This can often be the best part of the report, taking you off on interesting topics. For example, are there legends about the animal?</p>