

Zoo Animal Research

Directions: Students will visit the Phillips Park Zoo. Students will choose an animal of their choice that they saw at the zoo and research their animal for an oral presentation or a written paper. The research should not be limited to the internet. Students can learn many things about their animal from the zoo postings by each animal. They should also look for a book from their school library about their animal.

Oral Report-Illinois State Goals:

- 4B-Speak effectively using language appropriate to the situation and audience.
- 4B2a-Present oral reports to an audience using correct language and nonverbal expressions for the intended purpose and message within a suggested organizational format.
- 4B2c-identify methods to manage or overcome communication anxiety and apprehension (topic outlines, repetitive practice.)
- 5C2b-Prepare and deliver oral presentations based on inquiry or research.

Written Report: Illinois State Goals:

- 5A: Locate, organize, and use information from various sources to answer questions, solve problems and communicate ideas.
- 5A2a: Formulate questions and construct a basic research plan.
- 5A2b: Organize and integrate information from a variety of sources (ex: books, interviews, library reference materials, web-sites)
- 5B2b: (Optional) Cite sources used.