



YAK'S CORNER TEACHER GUIDE

This week we read about toy entrepreneur Alan Dorfman and animal conservation.

Helpful Habitat

ACTIVITY: Think of your favorite zoo animal, and then design a zoo habitat for it. Draw the habitat and include shelter, plants, food and terrain appropriate for the animal.

STANDARD: Students will investigate and understand the life-sustaining needs of animals from around the world.



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The giant panda is an endangered species.

- What is its regular diet?
- What are some reasons the animal is endangered?
- What are some things we can do to help save the species?

STANDARD: Students will investigate and understand the effect of man and the earth's changing environment on animals.

Animal Assistants

ACTIVITY: Use the library or the Internet to research organizations that work to protect endangered species. Make a list of several organizations and write a summary about each group's efforts.

STANDARD: Students will synthesize information from research and summarize their findings.

Endangered Animals

ACTIVITY: Research an endangered animal to find out the following information:

- What is its natural habitat?

Paper Caper

ACTIVITY: Turn your newspaper into a giant word search. Look for stories that might have animals in them, and make a list of the animals you find. Then copy each animal name onto a small piece of paper or an index card. Use the name cards to sort your animals into different categories. Here are some ideas for categories:

- mammals/nonmammals
- egg-laying animals/live-birth animals
- wild animals/domesticated animals

See how many categories you can sort the animals into.

STANDARD: Students will classify animals according to common characteristics.

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Help Wanted

ACTIVITY: Study the help wanted section of the classified advertisements in your newspaper.

You'll notice there are regular classified ads and display classified ads that look similar to ads in other parts of the paper. Create one of each kind of help wanted ad for Alan Dorfman's job.

STANDARDS:

Students will read and understand consumer information. Students will write for a variety of contexts.

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YAK'S CORNER ACTIVITY SHEET

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Hey kids, this week we read about toy entrepreneur Alan Dorfman and animal conservation.

Endangered Animals

ACTIVITY: This week we read about the conservation efforts of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association — AZA for short. Research an endangered animal to find out the following information:

Name of endangered species: _____

What is its natural habitat? _____

How many of the species can be found in nature? _____

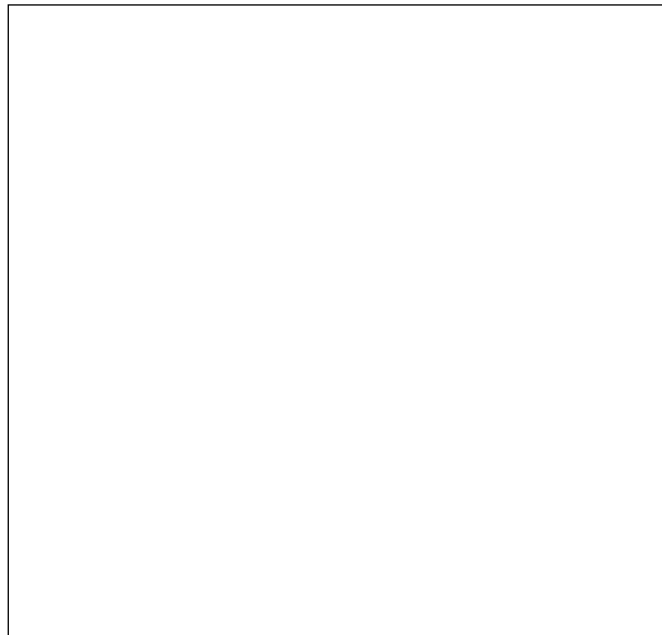
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Helpful Habitat

ACTIVITY: Think of your favorite zoo animal, and then design a zoo habitat for it. Before you draw the habitat, answer these questions:



Name of zoo
animal: _____

What kind of food
does it eat? _____

What type of
environment does
it live in (jungle,
desert, etc.)? _____
