



Animals and Habitats Diorama Project

Due date: April 11, 2016

Things you will need:

- ★ A box (a shoe box works great)
- ★ Glue, tape
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Paper, fabric, or another type of material to cover the outside of the box and to decorate the inside
- ★ Ideas for other materials you may want to use- aquarium gravel, rocks, sand, dirt, twigs, plastic wrap, plastic bushes or trees, clipart, cotton balls for clouds in the sky, magazine pictures, pipe cleaners, paint, toothpicks-BE CREATIVE!!!
- ★ You may print some animal pictures from clip art or the Internet for the inside or outside of your box.

1. Cover the outside of your box with paper. Decorate the outside with pictures and information about your animal and landform. Be sure to tell which geographic region of the state your animal/habitat can be found.
2. Use paper and other materials inside the box to make a replica of your animal's habitat.
3. The last step is to put your animal into its habitat inside the box. Try to make the figures 3-D using either plastic animal shapes, toothpicks to make your pictures stand up, or any other way you can devise. Include pictures or figures of other animals living in the same habitat and examples of foods in the animal's diet.

Attached is a copy of the rubric that will be used to grade your diorama.

If you want a 100 points, be sure to include all of the information in each of the 25 point boxes.

Parents- Please sign this portion of this instruction sheet and return it to me so I will know you are aware of the instructions and due date of this project. Please let me know if you have any questions. Please encourage your child to plan ahead for this project and not wait until the last minute to complete it.

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Name _____ Grading Rubric for Animal and Habitat Diorama

Outside of box	Did not cover outside of box 5 pts	Covered box, but did not include any pictures or information on box. 10 pts	Covered box and included information on animal or habitat, but not both 15 pts	Covered box and included information on both animal and habitat 25 pts
Inside of box-animal	Did not include any animal information inside box 5 pts	Inside of box included picture/figure of your animal but no information about its food or other animals/enemies 10 pts	Inside of box included animal and information about its food or other animals/enemies but not both 15 pts	Inside of box included animal, food and other animals/enemies 25 pts
Inside of box-habitat	Did not include any habitat information inside box 5 pts	Inside of box-landform was not the correct habitat for your animal 10 pts	Inside of box-habitat was one dimensional 15 pts	Inside of box-habitat included 3-D materials 25 pts
Overall neatness and creativity of project	Writing and pictures were messy-not your best work 5 pts	Project neat but not creative-did not use a variety of materials 10 pts	Project creative but not neat-used a variety of materials, but work is not neat 15 pts	Very creative-used a variety of materials to create a realistic animal and habitat 25 pts

Total points _____