

# A Day at the Zoo!

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Special Education  
Ms. Brumleve's class



## Introduction:

The Zippidy Zoo is hiring new employees! In this activity, you will choose one zoo animal to research. Once you know all about your animal, you will become the zookeeper for that animal and you will teach the class what you have to do to take care of it. You will also write a paragraph to go along with your presentation.

## Task:

Your task is to pick a zoo animal. You can choose from this list:

<b>Chimpanzee</b>	<b>Giraffe</b>	<b>Hippo</b>	<b>King Penguin</b>	<b>Red Panda</b>
<b>Gorilla</b>	<b>Lion</b>	<b>Alligator</b>	<b>Black Lemur</b>	<b>Elephant</b>

(It is okay if more than one of you chooses the same animal.)

Once you pick your animal, you need to do research on your animal. You will need to be able to answer the following questions:

1. What kind of habitat does your animal live in?
2. What does your animal eat?
3. What are some interesting facts about your animal? (List at least 3)

## Process:

**Step 1:** We will watch a PowerPoint presentation in class to introduce the lesson.

**Step 2:** You will each be given the chance to choose the animal you want to research.

**Step 3:** We will go to the computer lab to begin research.

**Step 4:** You will have two days in the computer lab to finish your research. Each day we will spend 1 hour in the lab.

**Step 5:** Once research is finished and you have answered all of the questions, we will go back to the classroom. We will spend one hour each day after our lab time to work on the following assignments.

**Step 6:** In the classroom, you will each get a poster board and make a poster to present to the class. You may use the markers, crayons, colored pencils, construction paper, scissors, and glue kept in the art corner. On this poster you will need to draw your animal. Since you learned about its habitat and what it eats, you will need to put that information on your poster as well.

**Step 7:** Now you have been hired as the zoo keeper for your animal and you need to give a presentation to your classmates. You will present your poster and describe what you learned from your research. You need to tell the class about your animal's habitat, food, and some facts.

**Step 8:** After everyone presents their posters, you will all write a 5-10 sentence paragraph on what you learned while doing research.

## Resources:

Use the following links to help you learn about the animal you chose.

### Chimpanzee

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/mammals/lemursmonkeysapes/chimpanzee/>



## Gorilla

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/mammals/lemursmonkeysapes/westernlowlandgorilla/>



## Giraffe

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/mammals/hoofedmammals/reticulatedgiraffe/>



## Lion

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/mammals/carnivores/lion/>



## Hippo

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/mammals/hoofedmammals/hippopotamus/>



## Alligator

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/reptiles/alligatorsandcrocodiles/americanalligator/>



## King Penguin

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/birds/penguins/kingpenguin/>



## Black Lemur

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/mammals/lemursmonkeysapes/blacklemur/>



## Red Panda

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/mammals/carnivores/redpanda/>



## Elephant

<http://www.stlzoo.org/animals/abouttheanimals/mammals/asianelephant/>



## Evaluation:

This is how you will be graded:

	Beginning 1 point	Developing 3 points	Exemplary 5 points	Score
Actively participates in class and computer lab	Did Not Participate	Participated but was easily distracted	Fully participated	
Questions answered and well thought out	Did Not Answer Questions	Questions answered with some mistakes	Questions answered with 100% accuracy	
Presentation included all information that was required	Did Not Do Presentation	Presentation included 50% of required information	Presented with 100% accuracy	
Paragraph was well written with few spelling and grammar errors	Did Not Write a Paragraph	Paragraph had more than 3 mistakes.	Paragraph had 3 or less mistakes and was well written.	

**Total Score:**

## Conclusion:

You are officially a zookeeper at the Zippidy Zoo! Congratulations! You are now able to correctly describe your zoo animal! You also know information about other zoo animals that your classmates shared with you. You know what a habitat is and how important it is to your zoo animal. Print this page and cut out your official zookeeper certificate. Sign your name and you are now a certified zookeeper for Zippidy Zoo!

# ZIPPIDY ZOO'S NEWEST ZOOKEEPER!

I, Ms. Brumleve, certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
has completed the zookeeper unit and has met all  
requirements to become the newest zookeeper for the  
Zippidy Zoo!

