

Animals in Australia

WebQuest Description: Students will learn about animals that live in Australia and their characteristics.

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Curriculum: Science

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Introduction

You have been hired by the curator of the local zoo to help in setting up an Australian animal exhibit. You are expected to research 3 animals and find out the necessary information. There is a chart you will fill in with the information that you locate on the Internet, through books, or other resources. You will locate where these animals live on a map so the curator will know where to locate them. When you have completed your research you will present the information. Be sure to include a picture of each animal in the presentation.

Tasks

You will complete the chart using the resources both online and offline for 3 animals. Locate and Label where in Australia the 3 animals live and mark it on a map. You will make a presentation of the information you collect, including pictures.

Process

Print the chart.
Select 3 Australian animals from this list to research. Put their names on the chart.
Use the online, book, and non print resources to find the information needed to complete the chart.
Complete the chart for all 3 animals.
Get a map of Australia from your teacher or print out a copy from here.
Locate and label the location of all 3 animals on the map
Get storyboard papers from your teacher or print some from here.

Evaluation

Use the rubric to evaluate your project. This same rubric will be used by the teacher to evaluate your project.

Category and Score					Score
				Total Score	

Conclusion

By now you have completed the task you were hired to do. The zoo curator is very thankful for all of your assistance. He will now be able to decide which animals to include in his exhibit and the needs of these animals. If you want to find out more about Australian

animals feel free to research more animal using the resources included in this site. You may also want to find out more about Australia. Here are some online resources to assist you. Online resources for Australia.

About Australia (<http://www.ozramp.net.au/~senani/austral.htm>)

Australia Travel (<http://www.anzac.com/aust/aust.htm>)

Guide to Australia (<http://www.csu.edu.au/australia/>)

About Australia! (<http://www.about-australia.com/about.htm>)

Australia Pictures (<http://www.geocities.com/Paris/4734>)

Virtual Australia (<http://www.virtualaustralia.com.au/welcome.htm>)

Teacher Page

Below are idea for using and extending the Australian Animals WebQuest.

Integration:

Activity to go along with a unit on Australia.

Incorporate in a study of animals.

Tie into a study on habitat.

Use:

Whole class activity.

Small group activity.

Extension activity for gifted.

Individualized activity for homebound or absent student.

Individualized activity for resource or learning support student.

Extra credit.

Extensions:

Have students write a letter to the curator stating why they think their animal should be included in the zoo.

Have students design the zoo. What animals, arrangement of exhibits, extra, etc.

Have students design the habitat for one or more of their animals at the zoo.

Model or diorama of the zoo exhibit for one or more of their animals.

Get e-pals in Australia to share information with about native animals in our area.

Make a website about Australian animals including all of the information the class collected as well as pictures.

Make a power point presentation.

Standards

Credits

Other