

Animal Adaptations Project

The Syracuse Zoo has a job opening for **Exhibit Assistant!** Congratulations you have been chosen to come in for a short interview (5 minutes) in front of a selection committee. The Exhibit Assistant's job will be to help design a new section of the zoo that will focus on Animal Adaptations.

Your interview requires a powerpoint presentation that will show some of your ideas about how to show visitors how special animals really are in their adaptations to their environment. The hiring committee expects a presentation of at least TWO very different animals, land or sea creatures, that will capture the interest of zoo visitors from preschoolers to adults.

Your presentation should include For EACH animal:

- ✓ The animal's name, where it is found in the world, and the biome type it lives in.
- ✓ Several photos of the animal including close ups of the special adaptation(s).
- ✓ Discussion of what it eats, who its predators are, where it fits in the food web.
- ✓ Discussion of the adaptations and HOW it helps it survive.
- ✓ At least two interesting facts about the animal.
- ✓ A map that shows where it lives in the world.
- ✓ Make it colorful, easy to read, full of info, and EXCITING!

Remember, adaptations are special physical and behavioral characteristics that help animals to survive in their environment and meet their basic needs.

The Syracuse Zoo interview will be held in front of a group of high school students who will help select the best person to become the new **Exhibit Assistant!** Be sure that your presentation is complete and is exciting. Check your spelling, make sure that you have all of the details required, and be sure to have someone give you some feedback before you go to the interview. Remember, you must present TWO animals and their adaptations.

SAVE your project to your H drive!

