

ANATOMY/APPEARANCE

- What does your animal look like?
- How big is it?
- What shape is its body?
- What does an average one weigh?
- Does it have horns, antlers, fur, crests or claws? Describe the teeth, head, neck, tail, etc.
- How many legs does it have?
- Are its legs long or short?
- How many eyes and how many body parts does it have?
- Does it molt as it grows?

ADAPTATION

- What are the obvious adaptations of your animal to its environment? For example, the giraffe's neck is an adaptation for obtaining leaves that are high off the ground. It also has tough lips to avoid thorns on its main food source.

ENEMIES

- What animals eat or otherwise kill your animal? For example, for caterpillars, birds eat caterpillars, but wasps also lay their eggs in the caterpillars (and this eventually kills the wasps unwilling host).

HABITAT

- What type of biome does this animal prefer (does it live in the desert, swamp, tundra, deep sea, coral reef, tropical rainforest, pond, or other habitat)?
- Where in the world does it live?
- List the continent(s), country/countries, and/or smaller areas that it lives in.



DEFENSE / OFFENSE

- How does it defend itself (and/or attack other animals)?
- Does it use teeth, fangs, claws, armor, horns, antlers, pincers, poison, a stinger, muscles, a strong smell, and/or something else?

DIET

- What does your animal eat and how does it get its food?
- Is it an herbivore (plant eater), carnivore (meat eater), omnivore (eating meat and plants), or something else?
- Is there something unusual in the way your animal eats? (For example, the flamingo sieves its food from mud while its head is upside down under the water.)
- Where is your animal in the food web (is it a top predator, like the grizzly bear, is it at the base of the food web, like krill, or is it somewhere in the middle)?

LIFECYCLE

- Give information on the animal's life cycle and reproduction. For example, in the case of insects, list and describe each stage in the process of their metamorphosis. For a species of shark, describe whether it bears live young or lays eggs.

BEHAVIOR

- Describe interesting features of your animal's behavior. For example: Is there evidence of herding or is it a solitary animal?
- Does it burrow underground?
- Does it hibernate, estivate, or migrate in cold weather?
- Is it nocturnal (most active at night)?

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