Claim Your Species Project: Research and Presentation

As we read in class, about 2,000 species of animals are considered endangered, but with human intervention, many species that were on the brink of extinction have made a comeback.

For this project, you will choose an endangered animal (mammal, reptile, fish, birds, insect) to advocate for.

**Research**

Compile five to 10 basic facts about each one. Such facts may include (but are not limited to):

* Scientific species name
* Size
* Habitat
* Location(s)/range
* Diet
* Physical characteristics
* Abilities/behaviors (swimming? flying?)
* Endangered Facts/Conservation Efforts

Next, answer each of the following questions:

• Why are these creatures endangered?

• How many are left in the world?

• Are they kept in preserves? In zoos?

• What is being done to protect them?

• How might their disappearance affect their ecosystem?

**Involvement**

Finally, search for what we can do to help endangered species. Write down two or three things we can do.

**Presentation**

You can make a Google Slideshow or PowerPoint, a narrated PowerPoint, an Adobe Spark or other type of video, or an Infographic – other possibilities are OK, too!

**In your presentation:**

1. Introduce yourself

2. Tell the endangered animal you chose and give facts about it

3. Tell why it is endangered

4. Explain how everyone can get involved to help it survive

5. Include a lot of pictures

6. Include a conclusion – why did you choose this animal?

7. Thank the audience and take questions

These are some websites that may be useful to get started in choosing a species:

[World Wildlife Fund - Endangered, Vulnerable, and Threatened Species List](https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/directory?direction=desc&sort=extinction_status)

[A-Z List Types and Categories of Endangered Animals](https://a--z--animals-com.webpkgcache.com/doc/-/s/a-z-animals.com/animals/endangered/)

[IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](https://www.iucnredlist.org/) (includes plants)

[U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species](https://www.fws.gov/program/endangered-species/species)

 [(Links to an external site.)](https://www.fws.gov/program/endangered-species/species)

[California Department of Fish and Wildlife Threatened and Endangered Species](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/CESA) (Plants and Animals)