INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN YOUR PROJECT:

 **The Animal's Name**: What does its [name](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/dinosaurs/allabout/Names.shtml) mean? Sometimes this will tell you something important or interesting about the animal. For example, platypus means "flat-footed." For some animals, there are [special names for a baby, a male, a female, or a group](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/animals/Animalbabies.shtml%22%20%5Ct%20%22_top).

:**Description**: 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? You need pictures.

 **Locomotion**: Can your animal move? If so, how does your animal move (does it walk, fly, jump, burrow, etc.)? Is it slow-moving or fast-moving? Why is this important to its survival? For example, most fast-moving animals are fast so that they can catch dinner (like the cheetah) or avoid becoming dinner (like the deer).

 **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](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/rainforest/animals/Foodweb.shtml) (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)?

 **Habitat** 

**Adaptations**: What are the obvious adaptations of your animal to its environment? For example, a bird’s beak shape.

 **Life Cycle/Reproduction**: 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. Describe whether it bears live young or lays eggs.

 **Behavior**: Describe interesting features of your animal's behavior. Does it burrow underground? Does it hibernate or migrate in cold weather? Is it nocturnal (most active at night)?

 **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?

 **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 wasp's unwilling host).

 **Species Survival Status**: Is this animal species in danger of extinction? If so, why? Has it lost habitat, lost a food source, or has it been overhunted?

 **Something Special**: Is there anything special about this animal? This can often be the best part of the report, taking you off on interesting topics. For example, are there legends about the animal?