



LESSON GOALS

- ✦ Learn how to properly research a topic
- ✦ Gain knowledge on various aspects of an African animal

GRADES

4th to 6th

MATERIALS

- ✦ Pencil
- ✦ Computer

STANDARDS

- ✦ SCI.4.3.3
- ✦ SCI.5.3.1
- ✦ SCI.6.3.1
- ✦ SCI.6.3.2
- ✦ SCI.6.3.5

RECOMMENDED

ASSESSMENT

- ✦ Grade worksheet based on completeness
- ✦ Assess students on appropriateness of words used to describe their animal

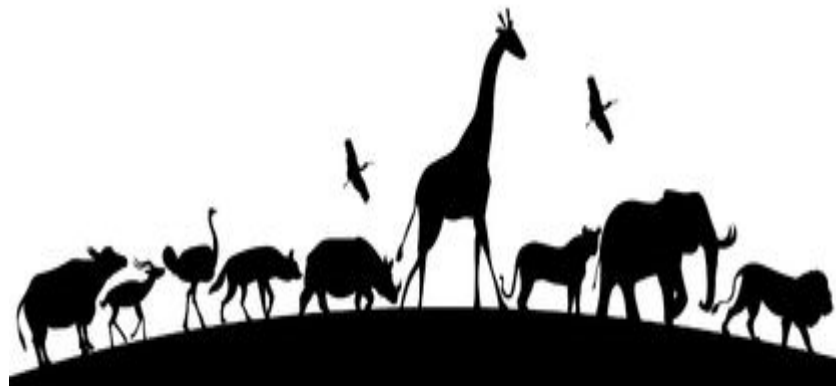
Let's Conduct a Research!

Practice your students' researcher skills as they learn about the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo African animals. Africa is home to a wide array of animals, so let's go on a safari to see what animals are there! See below for a variety of questions to engage your students even further:

- ✦ What do you know about this animal?
- ✦ Try to think of an animal that you don't know much about it!
- ✦ What type of habitat does this animal live in?
- ✦ Do you want to search for a small or large animal?
- ✦ Does the animal fly in air, travel on land, or swim in water? Why?

Have students select one animal found in Africa to research for this assignment. Encourage them to research an animal that they do not know much about to help expand their knowledge on African animals. Answer students' questions the best you can as they research individually on their animal. Once they completed their research, have them find a partner with a different animal and discuss their findings.

Although African animals at our zoo always receive what they need to live long, healthy lives, their wild counterparts face new pressures each year. The animals face limitations of space, food & water supply due to climate change, poaching, and habitat loss. You can do your part by going to the zoo to visit, learn more about organizations that help these animals, and spread awareness to your friends and family. Be on the lookout for other African animals at the zoo and ask zookeepers or educators, questions to learn more! Share your lessons with the Fort Wayne Children' Zoo. Tag #fwkidszoo or email education@kidszoo.org to express how you used these supplemental activities!





African Journey Research



Name: _____

ANIMAL NAME: _____

Which animal group does it belong to? What's its conservation status?	
How big is the animal? What's the average height and weight?	
Describe coloration and patterns of animal.	
Does it have a backbone? If not, explain what it has.	
Describe interesting body structures.	
What's the animal's diet? Who eats your animal?	
What type of habitat does it live in? What are the conditions like?	
Add other interesting facts you found while researching.	



Draw a picture of your animal in its habitat on the back of this page.

