

You have been hired by the NC Zoo to assist in the search for a new exhibit to add to the North American or African Park.

It is your job to find either a plant or animal that can join the park. Please remember that the living organism you choose must be able to live within the park.

You will spend the next week researching your chosen organism. I will give you class time each day to work on this assignment.

After researching it, write an argumentative paper to state and explain your choice for a new exhibit.

Your final paper must be typed on either the computer or AlphaSmart.

You will receive grades on your research notes, rough draft, final paper, and bibliography for a total of four different grades. When you turn in your research notes, rough draft, and bibliography you will automatically receive 100's. The final paper will be graded on the following rubric:

Focus	4points
Organization: Opening Paragraph	2 points
Organization: Closing paragraph	2 points
Organization: Transition words	2 points
Support and Elaboration	4 points
Style	4 points
Conventions	2 points
Total points	20 points

Grading Scale

A=20-17

B=16-13

C=12-9

D=8-5

F=4-0

The final paper is due _____

(Writing rubric taken from Write From the Beginning, Innovative Learning Group, updated to 2001 Writing Scoring Rubric)