

Inquiry Search – Zoo - Animal Exhibit Safety

Inquiry Search

In this inquiry activity you will satisfy your curiosity about a given topic. You'll write down your own ideas about the subject. You will look for material written by others that helps you better understand your subject of interest. You'll create a report that helps others understand what you have learned.

This research exercise allows you to choose an aspect of a topic that interests you. You will notice that when you are curious about a subject you begin to formulate answers to the Who, What, Where, Why and How questions. Have you ever been around a very young child who asks these questions constantly? They are developing language and thinking skills yet they depend upon older people to provide the answers.

Now that you are older, you are learning to use your language and thinking skills in ways that help you satisfy your curiosity and express ideas, feelings and personality. Learning to formulate ideas and communicate them persuasively may be difficult at first, but with practice you'll become a better thinker and writer. As you develop these skills you will find that you have more choices and options in life.

Allow 3-5 days to complete this activity.

Animal exhibits at the zoo are designed to keep animals and people safe.
What would you like to learn about this topic?



3) What do you imagine some of the answers will be?

4) Using at least three resource types (library book, Internet, a visit to a zoo, an interview with an expert, etc.) find the answers to your questions.

4) What answers satisfy your curiosity? Give credit to the resource that provided this information. Take proper reference notes.

5) Communicate what you have learned in a news report or display. Alternative reporting, such as a creative writing piece, artwork, or musical composition, would be a welcomed additional expression.

"Beauty cannot arrive you, but it arrives—reading, writing, thinking—you."
Helen Gurley Brown