

Inquiry Question

To what extent are zoos justified in keeping wild animals in captivity?

Name: _____ Date: _____



Background

Zoos are very controversial. Should we keep wild animals in captivity for any reason, or should zoos be shut down? This is an animal rights issue that is a hot topic these days. Here is your chance to do more research and then decide for yourself.

Instructions

1. In this unit you have had a quick look at the arguments for and against zoos.
2. After doing some more research on your own, discuss to what extent zoos are justified in keeping wild animals in captivity. You can include aquariums and animal parks in this argument as well as zoos.
3. Be sure to include arguments for animal rights covered in this unit as part of your argument. Remember that a “to what extent” argument is asking you to choose “how much” – not at all, a little, somewhat, a lot, significantly? Back up your argument with examples.

4. How you structure the project is up to you. Consider presenting your thinking as a video, essay, graphic organizers, mind map, or another format or combination of formats you think would work well. You can write down your argument, and/or record yourself talking. Talk to your teacher if you have any questions.
5. Remember that unit projects make up the bulk of your assessment and should be the place you reveal your best work based on the knowledge and insights you have learned in this unit. These are big projects, not little assignments, and should show a depth of understanding and knowledge.
6. *Remember to provide a list of your sources.*

Criteria	Applying Up to C	Developing C+ to B	Proficient B+ to -A	Extending A+
Quality of Ideas	Exhibits minimal ability to engage in analysis/criticism Displays some variety and precision Has limited insight into the issues Works with ongoing support	Exhibits adequate ability to engage in some analysis/criticism Displays adequate variety and precision Shows adequate insight into the issues Works with some support	Exhibits very good ability to engage in analysis/criticism Displays variety, precision &/or originality of thought Avoids irrelevance Shows proficient insight into the issues Works with increasing independence	Exhibits excellent, independent analysis/criticism Displays consistent variety, precision &/or originality Consistently relevant Shows deep insight into the issues Works independently
Knowledge and Understanding of Content	Limited knowledge and understanding of the content Demonstrates a partial understanding A very limited coverage of the essential information Works with ongoing support	Adequate knowledge and understanding of the content Demonstrates a partial understanding A limited or partial coverage of the essential information Works with some support	Proficient knowledge and understanding of the content Demonstrates an accurate understanding A full coverage of the essential information but missing some key pieces of information or analysis Works with increasing independence	Excellent knowledge and understanding of the content Demonstrates with new insights a thorough integrated understanding of the essential information An extensive coverage of the essential information with minimal holes in analysis Works independently
Presentation and Communication of Learning	It is very difficult to understand this project. Grammar, spelling and punctuation	Grammar, spelling and punctuation errors exist but only occasionally interfere with understanding.	Grammar, spelling and punctuation errors are few and do not interfere with understanding. The chosen format shows the student's	There are no grammar, spelling and punctuation errors. The chosen format shows the student's thinking very well and makes their

	<p>errors interfere with understanding. The presentation format is so messy and/or unorganized that it interferes with understanding and/or it does not suit the assignment.</p>	<p>The format chosen fits well for the project and is set up so that the student's thinking can be followed</p>	<p>thinking very well and makes their thinking very easy to follow; it is well organized and neat.</p>	<p>thinking very easy to follow; it is very well organized, neat and creative.</p>
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Note that most of the assessment is weighted according to how well you present your knowledge and thinking; the presentation and communication of thinking has less weight over all. Communication and presentation is simply a vehicle to show your ideas and knowledge.