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**Desert Animal Research Project**

There are two final products that you will need to turn in at the end of this unit.

*Reference Page*

This page that you create will be put together with other students’ pages to create a class book. You need to use a computer program to create your page (Word, Publisher). The following information must be included on your page.

Category 1: Size

How long is your animal? How tall is your animal? How much does your animal weigh?

Category 2: Appearance

Describe what your animal looks like. Does it have fur? Is it hairy? What color is it? How many eyes does it have? Tell me as much as you can about how your animal looks.

Category 3: Habitat

Where does your animal live? This should be a region of the United States, a country, a state, or a region within a state. What does your animal build or find in terms of shelter?

Category 4: Adaptations

What does your animal do to ensure its own survival? Is it poisonous? Does its shelter provide protection? How does it stay hydrated? How does it live despite living in the hot desert?

Category 5: Behaviors

How does your animal behave in the wild? Does your animal live alone or with others? Is your animal nocturnal? How does your animal get food?

Category 6: Babies

What are the babies of your animal called? How many are born at a time? When are they born? How long do they stay with the parent or parents until they are on their own?

Category 7: Diet

What does your animal eat? What eats your animal?

Optional Category: Fun Facts

Are there any additional facts that you would like to share about your animal?

You should include a picture on your reference page.

*Powerpoint Presentation*

For your Powerpoint presentation, you need to include the same information as above. Each category should be its own slide. You may use more than one slide for categories that have more information in them if you would like to.

For your Powerpoint presentation, you must write a shortened version of the information. You should not have complete sentences. You should have at least one picture in your presentation, but having more is recommended.

You must practice your presentation before presenting it to the class. Make sure that you practice using a clear voice that everyone in our classroom can hear. You may use note cards to write specific information that you would like to share with us during your presentation.

You will be assessing yourself during this project. I will be assessing you using the same rubric that you do. The rubric being used for this project is attached to this page. Look over this rubric frequently to make sure that you are earning a five in all categories for both projects.

The reference page is due on Tuesday, April 19th, 2011.

The Powerpoint presentation is due on Monday, May 9th, 2011.

If you have questions regarding either of these two products, please be sure you ask me.