



MINNESOTA ZOO™
Changing how you see the world

Hunt For Habitat

Grades 1-3

Onsite Activity

MN Graduation Standards supported:

Grades K Strand I.B

The student will raise questions about the natural world.

Grades 1-2 Strand I.B

The student will raise questions about the natural world, make careful observations, and seek answers.

Grade 2 Strand IV.C

The student will understand that organisms live in different environments.

Vocabulary:

expert
habitat
interest
observe
organize

Links:

www.mnzoo.org

Introduction:

This activity can be used as a focus activity at the zoo. It is designed to help students observe a particular animal/habitat of interest and become an “expert” on it.

Objectives:

At the end of this lesson, students will:

1. Know what their selected animal eats.
2. Know what their selected animal looks like.
3. Know where their selected animal lives.
4. Know what their selected animal does.

Procedure:

1. Teachers or small group leaders help students choose an animal to study while at the zoo. This can be done individually or as a small group.
2. Discuss the animal and its habitat. Determine the location of it at the MN Zoo using the website.
3. At a scheduled time during the zoo visit, have students locate their chosen animal. Students or group leaders write the answers to the questions posed on the Hunt for Habitat graphic organizer.

Special Notes:

4. The Hunt for Habitat form may need to be enlarged to accommodate primary level writing skills.
5. Encourage students to share their findings with their classmates.