

You will research one species of vertebrate to share with the class. Each person will be assigned a day and that person will share at the beginning of the hour on that day. Each presentation should last 3-5 minutes and include a visual aid (pictures, poster, powerpoint, etc.).

Information that you should include about your vertebrate:

- Classification, from Kingdom down through species
- Scientific name and meaning
- Common name
- Picture(s)
- Body/Appearance - average size/weight
- Specific habitat and locations (where in the world is it located?)
- Method of feeding and what it eats
- Method of movement
- Composition and complexity of skeleton
- Reproduction & Life Stages
- Body Systems (respiratory & circulatory)
- Warm or Cold blooded
- 3 adaptations that help it to survive & thrive
- Predators and/or threats to the species
- Unique behaviors or niches
- Close relatives (similarities & differences)

Your presentation should be practiced and organized. The visual aid should be neat and prepared.

#### References

You must cite at least two references (not Wikipedia).

**Citing Your References:** When you write your bibliography, list all of your references. Formats for each type of publication follows (there are different formats for different media):

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