

This Animal Deserves a Holiday!

Some poems are interesting to read because they are filled with facts. In this activity, you will research an animal that inspires you and then write a poem based on what you've learned.

Directions: Pick an animal to research (check out www.bbc.co.uk/nature/reallywild) that you think deserves a national holiday. In section 1, fill in interesting facts about your animal. Remember to use descriptive language! In section 2, explain the reasons why you think your chosen animal deserves a holiday, based on the facts you found in section 1. Finally, write a poem about your animal inspired by "Ground Hog Day" by Lilian Moore.

Section 1: Facts about your favorite animal

1. What my animal looks like _____
2. Where my animal lives _____
3. What my animal eats _____
4. How my animal moves _____
5. Something special about my animal _____

Section 2: Reasons why your animal deserves a national holiday

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Section 3: On a separate piece of paper, write a poem about your animal.