

The Poem Zoo

Some poems aren't just beautiful to read, 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: Think of an animal to research (check out www.bbc.co.uk/nature/reallywild).

In section one, fill in the facts about your animal, and add interesting ideas of your own.

In section two, think of adjectives and beautifully descriptive phrases for each fact you found.

Finally, write a poem about your animal inspired by "Octopus," by Maxim Kumin.

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 unique about my animal _____

Section 2: Poetic words and phrases that describe your animal

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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