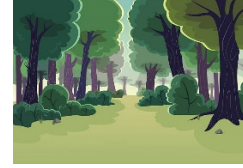


Crazy Creature Art: Craft, Diorama, & Sketch



Essential Question:

What do animals need to survive in their habitats?

Objective:

Students will create originally crafted animals while considering how they find what they need in their habitats.

Background:

Our amazing wildlife depend on their habitats for survival. Maybe you've heard of a habitat before? The forest, shoreline, and lakes are all examples of habitats. There are four things that are very important within an animals' habitat. Any guesses? Food, water, shelter, and space!

Materials:

Crazy Craft Creature – Miscellaneous craft supplies as desired

- Toilet paper roll
- Markers
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Tape
- Paint
- String
- Ask your adults what you're allowed to use.

Play-doh Diorama Habitat – Miscellaneous craft supplies as desired

- Empty cardboard box (shoebox works fine) and play-doh
- Paint
- Markers
- String
- Tape
- Cotton balls
- Construction Paper
- Ask your adults what you're allowed to use.

Habitat Sketch

- Pencils, crayons, markers and this worksheet

Procedure: Try one of these habitat art projects, or try them all!

Crazy Craft Creature

Gather miscellaneous craft supplies. Create a crazy craft creature that gets what it needs in its habitat. Check these out!



- Uni-Tube Creature has propeller hair that allows her to fly to her mountaintop shelter. Also, she swats away predators trying to get into her space with her electric tail.
- Gir-Tubes-a-Lot is a tall animal whose long neck reaches for leaves on tall trees. Its ears are big and good at listening for predators in the space of its habitat.
- Paper Baggio is a creature whose big eyes allow it to seek out its prey better. Its colors help it camouflage with the plants of its forest shelter.

Play-doh Diorama Habitat

Find a shoebox or cardboard box to use as your base habitat. Gather play-doh and sculpt an animal. Decorate the shoebox base as the animal's habitat. Check out this example: This Yellow-pawed "Smilester" finds water in the nearby stream, shelter in its mountain cave, food from the flower field (insects), and plenty of space to be happy (see smile.)



Habitat Sketch

- 1) Think about what YOU need in your habitat. Draw yourself in the box below with your food, water, shelter, & space.
- 2) Think about an animal, real or imaginary. Give it a name. Now consider what it eats, what it needs for shelter, and how it finds water and enough space. Draw this in the second box below

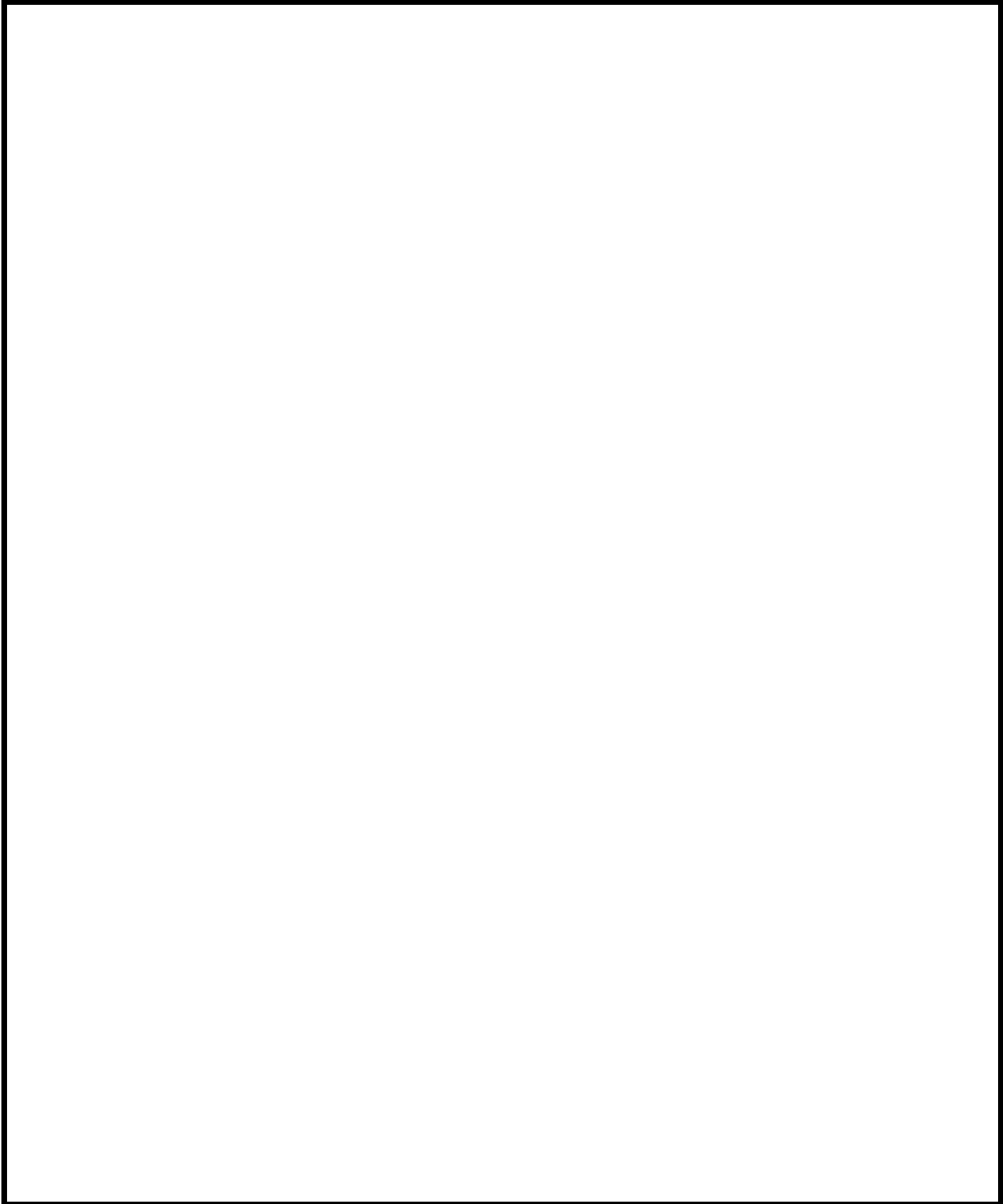
Conclusion and Assessment:

Compare your animal to you. How are you the same? How are you different?

Have other members of the household make a creature too so they can play together!

Write and/or tell a story about your animal. Remember to share how it gets how it gets food, water, shelter, and space!

This is me in my habitat!



The name of my animal is _____

Here is my animal in its habitat.

