

INCLUDES GOOGLE SLIDES

EARTH DAY LIBRARY LESSON



WOULD YOU RATHER?



sleep as much as a sloth
(15 hours/day)

OR



run as fast as a rhinoceros
(55 km or 34 miles per hour)

GRADES

3-6

"Earth Day / Endangered Animals"



TWO-PART LESSON



SPECIES

There nearly nine million different kinds of animals and plants in the world.

LEAST CONCERN

Animals are classified by their threat level.

The higher the threat, the more likely they are to become extinct.

“Least concern” animals are not currently in danger of going extinct.

Moose, white-tailed deer, raccoons, and black bears are all least concern animals.



Only male moose have antlers. Which one is the male?

Designed specifically for librarians on the Specials rotation! Each part takes about 25-30 minutes and can easily be reduced or split into two lessons.

ON THE SPECIALS?

ENDANGERED



There are fewer than 40

Other endangered
animals include:

EXTINCT

Extinct animals no longer
exist anywhere on earth.

These animals will never
return. They are gone forever.



The baiji river dolphin lived in China.
It was officially declared extinct in 2007.

Teaching the same lesson, the same way, 20 times each week? There is a ton of content here, so you don't need to use every slide with every grade level.
No more teaching the exact same lesson all week!

PART I – WHOLE CLASS LESSON

CRITICALLY ENDANGERED



There are around 5000 black rhinos living in the wild today.
In 1995, there were only 2410 black rhinos.

Other critically endangered animals include:

HABITAT LOSS

A **habitat** is where an animal lives.

This might be a rainforest, the ocean, grasslands, or a desert.

A habitat has shelter, water, food, and space for the animal.



The red-eyed tree frog has declining numbers, but they are currently classified as **least concern**.

Part I introduces endangered animals and five of the classes – least concern, vulnerable, endangered, critically-endangered, and extinct.

GUIDES YOUR LIBRARY TIME

RECOMMENDED READ-ALOUDS

What do I recommend for read-alouds for Endangered Animals?

I've listed some awesome

- ***Almost Gone* by Steve Jenkins**--This book has animal profiles in any order; they still make sense. See ["Extinction – 2021"](#) by The Daily Eco (<7 minutes).
- ***I'm a Manatee* by John Lithgow**--Do not miss [this video](#)! Students will spot various speedboats, particularly—in the illustrations. I love pairing this book with [this video](#) (speedboat propellers. I love pairing this book with this video). (minutes).
- ***Galápagos George* by Jean Craighead McGehee** named George who was the last of his species. See ["San Diego Zoo"](#) (~4 minutes).

Library Lesson--Endangered Animals

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?

1

Check out library books. Do this first!

2

Complete the Scavenger Hunt.

3

Find a cozy spot and read quietly.

OR

The presentation guides library time from start to finish! Includes recommended read-aloud ideas with video links, reminder slides, and a “What Should We Do Now?” slide. All editable!

PART II - SCROLLING SLIDES



Part II includes fun facts, vocabulary, mystery animals, Would-You-Rathers, and trivia questions about endangered animals.

SCROLLING SLIDES

CHINESE TURTLE



In 2019, a female Yangtze giant softshell turtle died at a zoo in Suzhou, China.

The 90-year old turtle was the last known female

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More examples of Part II—Scrolling Slides

DON'T HAVE POWERPOINT?

ENDANGERED SEA LIONS

Sea lions are currently endangered, and they face many threats.

Sea lions eat fish, which are affected by climate change and overfishing.

Sea lions also get caught in fishermen's nets and



CAN YOU SEE MY EARS?



This is a sea lion—can you see the ear flaps?

How can you tell the difference between a seal and a sea lion?

It's all in the ears! Sea lions have small ear flaps. Seals do not have visible ear flaps.

I've also included a Google Slides version!

FUN FACTS & TRIVIA

TRIVIA QUESTION

How do pangolins protect themselves from predators?

- A. Pretend to be dead
- B. Puff up to increase their size
- C. Spit poison
- D. Roll into a ball



TRIVIA ANSWER

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- D. **Roll into a ball**



ALL TEXT IS EDITABLE

DID YOU KNOW...?

There are only 58-68 Javan rhinos left in the world. All of them are wild and live in one herd in Indonesia.

Javan rhinos have died out due to poaching and habitat loss.

Javan rhinos are critically endangered.



Currently, all Javan rhinos are wild. None are in zoos. These Indian rhinos are the closest relative to the Javan rhino.

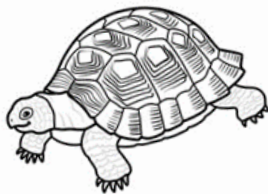
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RECOMMENDED READS

“Endangered Animals”



FICTION PICTURE BOOKS

I'm a Manatee (Lithgow)
Little Tigers (Weaver)
Pangolina (Goodall)

INFORMATIONAL PICTURE BOOKS AND NONFICTION

The Great Rhino Rescue (Markle)
Orangutan Hats: And Other Tools Animals Use (Haynes)
Island: A Story of the Galapagos (Chin)
Galapagos George (George)
Almost Gone (Jenkins)
Rare and Blue: Finding Nature's Treasures (Van Hoven)
Condor Comeback (Montgomery)
The Spirit of Springer: The Real-Life Rescue of an Orphaned Orca (Abler)
Elephants!: Strange and Wonderful (Pringle)

FICTION

Big Game (Gibbs)
The Last (Applegate)
The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter (Reynolds)
Music for Tigers (Kadariusman)
...in the Room (Sloan)



Includes separate page (editable) that lists 22 endangered animal-themed book recommendations for Grades 3-6. Print and give out to students, parents, and teachers.

PART II- SCAVENGER HUNTS

SCAVENGER HUNT

Watch the Endangered Animals slides.
When you see the animals below, color them in!

African w
sloth
rhinoceros
Giant tortoise
T-Rex
pangolin

EASIER

Endangered Animals Scavenger Hunt

SCAVENGER HUNT

How many of these pictures and facts can you find in the Endangered Animals Storytime?

Pangolins are valued for their ____.

Sailors: manatee = ____.

Write one animal that is extinct.

How many Plains bison are there ____?

How many Yangtze softshell tortoises are still living?

What's an easy way to tell if an animal is a dinosaur or a sea lion?

Which animal would you bring back from extinction?

How many African rhinos died from poaching in 2021?

How long can Galapagos tortoises live?

How many Javan rhinos currently live in zoos?

HARDER

Endangered Animals Scavenger Hunt

SCAVENGER HUNT

ANSWER KEY

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Pangolins are valued for their ____.	Dinosaurs, saber-tooth tigers, dodo birds	Sailors: manatee = ____.
Write one animal that is extinct.	mermaid	
How many Plains bison are there ____?		
How many Yangtze softshell tortoises are still living?	1000	
What's an easy way to tell if an animal is a dinosaur or a sea lion?	Look for their ear flaps (sea lions have them; seals do not)	
Which animal would you bring back from extinction?		
How many African rhinos died from poaching in 2021?	500	
How long can Galapagos tortoises live?	100 years	
How many Javan rhinos currently live in zoos?	zero; all are in the wild (only 60 are left in the wild)	

ANSWER KEY

Endangered Animals Scavenger Hunt

Keep students engaged during checkout!
All images and answers to the questions appear in Part II of the presentation. Two differentiated versions!

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING...

“The students love these resources including the scavenger hunt. Well prepared and easy to use!”

“The students loved using the material for their lesson today. They were so excited about the extra slides as well. It took me very little time to edit and adjust for my school. Great presentation.”

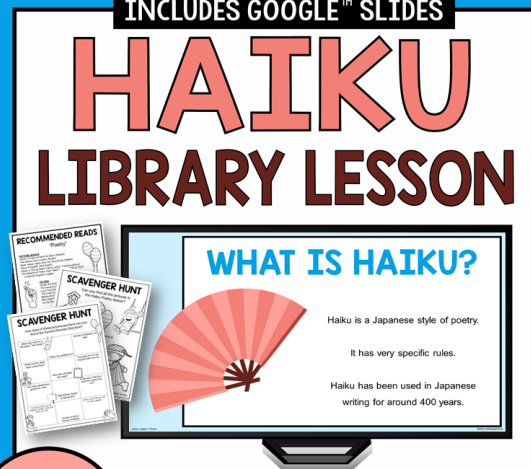
“My library students LOVED the trivia and the guessing games of the different endangered animals!”

“The students loved the information, and I love the fun way they receive it.”

MORE LIBRARY LESSONS

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HAIKU LIBRARY LESSON




WHAT IS HAIKU?

Haiku is a Japanese style of poetry.

It has very specific rules.

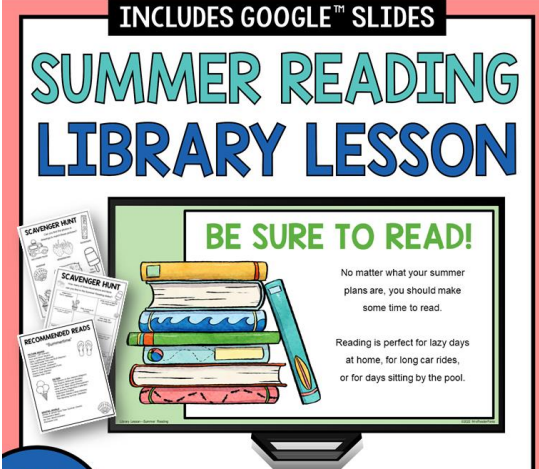
Haiku has been used in Japanese writing for around 400 years.

GRADES 3-6 Teach your students to write a haiku!



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SUMMER READING LIBRARY LESSON




BE SURE TO READ!

No matter what your summer plans are, you should make some time to read.

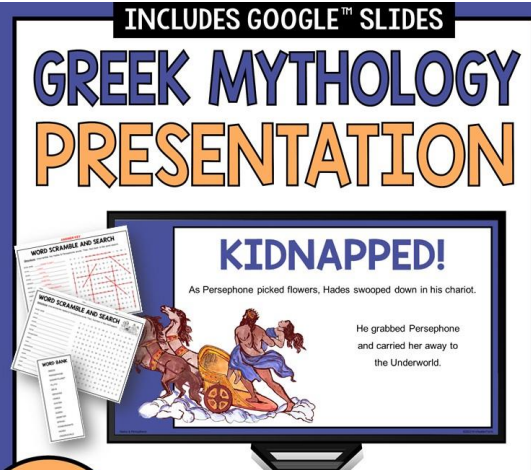
Reading is perfect for lazy days at home, for long car rides, or for days sitting by the pool.

GRADES 2-5 Includes 5 benefits of summer reading



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GREEK MYTHOLOGY PRESENTATION




KIDNAPPED!

As Persephone picked flowers, Hades swooped down in his chariot.

He grabbed Persephone and carried her away to the Underworld.

GRADES 4-7 "Hades & Persephone"



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INTERACTIVE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP



LAKES FULL OF LAVA

There are over 1500 volcanoes on Earth.

Of the 1500, only seven volcanoes are known to have lava lakes.

GRADES 3-5 "Antarctica"

