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Argument Essay Do Zoos Help or Harm Animals?

Directions:

- Read the five texts that are included in your packet.
- Decide what you think: Do zoos help or harm animals? Choose one side of the argument and write an essay convincing others of your opinion.
- As you read, ask yourself the guiding question, “Do zoos help or harm animals?”
- Use your notes included in the packet and your t-chart to guide you as you take a side of this historical debate.
- Create a boxes and bullets graphic organizer to help you plan your essay.
- In the introduction to your essay, write a claim stating whether or not you think zoos help or harm animals.
- Be sure to list the titles of the texts that you use in your essay.
- Be sure to list the evidence that supports your point of view and your inference/claim. List the evidence in order of strongest support of your claim to the weaker details that support your claim.
- Write as much as you can, as quickly as you can. You may use several sheets of loose-leaf paper. I expect that this essay will be about two pages.
- Use the rubric and especially the writing checklist to ensure that you include all that is required to make your essay powerful.
- In your writing, make sure you:
 - Write your inference/claim in your introduction.
 - Use transition words to start new paragraphs and to introduce new examples from the text.
 - Give at several examples from the text as your evidence to support your inference/claim.
 - Use statements such as, “I know this because in paragraph ___ it states,…”
 - Write a conclusion.
- Check your writing for:
 - spelling
 - capitalization of proper nouns
 - capitalization of the beginning of sentences
 - punctuation
 - indentation of each new paragraph
 - interesting word choice
 - See the rubric for more details of expectations.