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**Do Zoos Help or Harm Animals?**

**Research-Based Argument Essay**

**Directions:**

* **Write a research-based argument essay, convincing readers that zoos either help or harm animals.**
* **Be sure to use what you know about writing essays to take a position on the topic and back it up with evidence from your research.**
* **As you write, use information and quotations from the video and any or all of the texts you read to support your claim.**
* **Read the texts that are included in your packet.**
* **As you read, ask yourself the guiding question, “Do zoos help or harm animals?”**
* **Underline the pros and cons of this historical debate. (Compare and contrast each point of view.)**
* **Create a graphic organizer, and take notes of the pros and cons. (Compare and contrast each point of view.)**
* **Take a position: make clear whether you believe zoos help or harm animals.**
* **In the introduction to your essay, write a claim stating your position on whether or not 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 compares and contrasts the points of view to support your inference/claim.**

* **Write as much as you can, as quickly as you can. This assignment is due on loose-leaf or it may be typed. You may use several sheets of loose-leaf paper or type it on several sheets of computer paper.**
* **Use the rubric to ensure that you include all that is required to make your essay powerful.**
* **In your writing, make sure you:**
* **Write your position/inference/claim in your introduction.**
* **Give several examples from the text as your evidence to support your details/inference/claim.**
* **Use your extended RACE organizer to help you make sure you are writing a powerful argument essay.**
* **Use your rubric to help you make sure you are writing a powerful argument essay.**
* **Use transition words to start new paragraphs and to introduce new examples from the text.**
* **Use your Writing Prompts packet to help you write powerful transitions.**
* **Use your Sophisticated Words packet to ensure that you are using powerful words in your argument essay.**
* **Give several examples from the text as your evidence to support your details/inference/claim.**
* **Write a conclusion.**
* **Use your COPS list to help you edit your writing.**
* **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.**