

Tree Squirrels & Chipmunks

Literacy Centers For 2nd & 3rd Grades



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Tree Squirrel

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Chipmunk

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facts

Tree squirrels have four front teeth.

The front teeth of tree squirrels never stop growing so they don't wear down from constantly gnawing on food.

Tree squirrels live mostly in trees.

opinions

Chipmunks and tree squirrels are fun to watch.

Tree squirrels are cuter than chipmunks.

It would be interesting to watch the tree squirrels get ready for winter.

Tree squirrels
have bushy tails.

We should learn more
about chipmunks.

Tree squirrels can be
red, black, grey, white
or brown.

The chipmunks are so busy!

Tree squirrels eat
fruit, seeds, bark and
flowers.

I would rather watch
the tree squirrels than
the chipmunks.

Chipmunks are omnivores. Some
of the foods they eat are
seeds, nuts, fruits and insects.

Chipmunks are adorable
when their cheeks are
filled with food.

Chipmunks begin to stockpile foods in the fall for the winter.

That tree squirrel is annoying!

Chipmunks build burrows that can be over 11 feet long.

The chipmunks make a silly sound.

Chipmunks live for about three years.

I think it's hard to tell the difference between tree squirrels and chipmunks.

Chipmunks grow to be 6 to 12 inches long.

The tree squirrels are hard to keep track of because they are so quick.

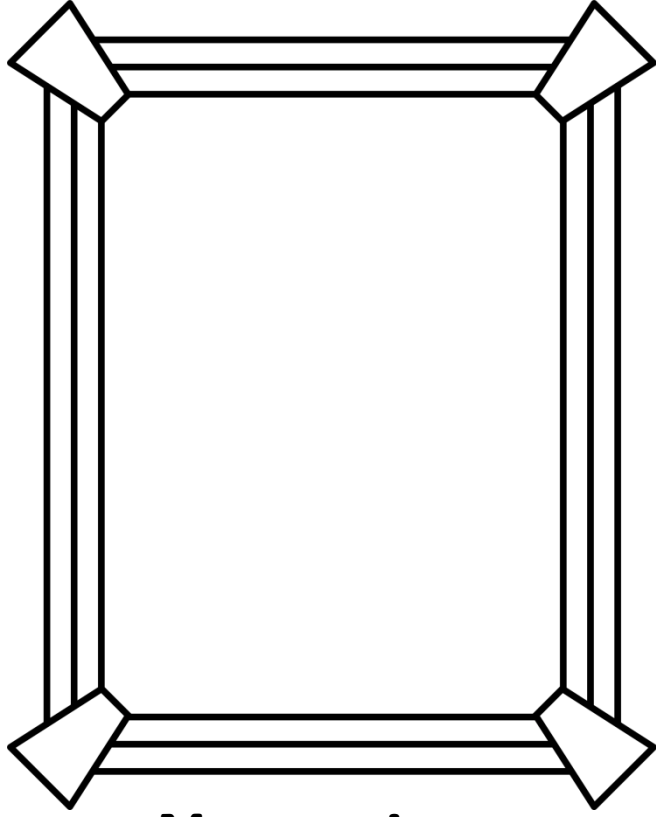
Tree squirrels grow to be 12 to 20 inches long.

I think the chipmunks with a stripe are cuter.

Chipmunks and squirrels belong to the same family.

Squirrels are more exciting than chipmunks.

Name: _____



My animal is:

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One Fact About My Animal Is:

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One Opinion About My Animal Is:

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burrow

a hole or tunnel dug
by a small animal

tree-dwelling

an animal that
lives in a tree

rodent

a small furry mammal who
has front teeth that
never stop growing

omnivore

an animal that eats both
plants and animals

stockpile

to gather a large
supply of food

cheek pouch


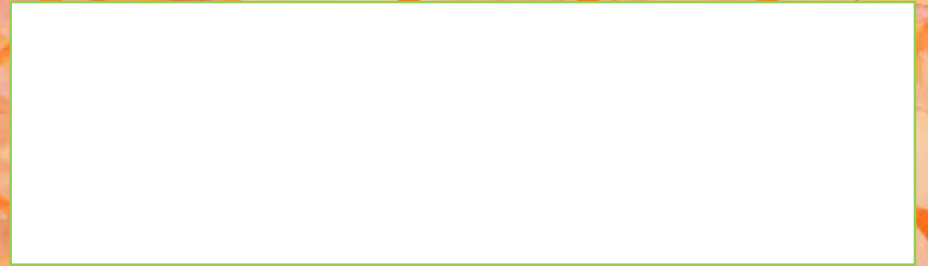

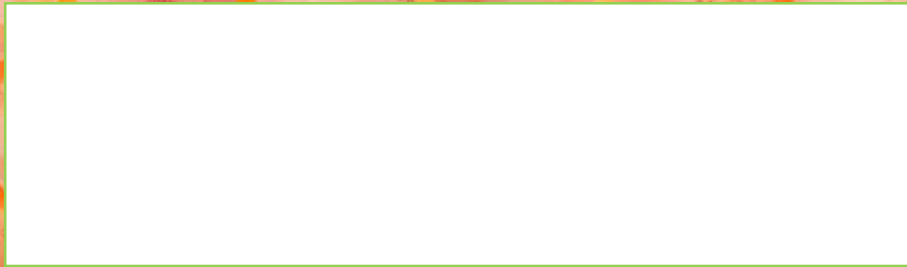
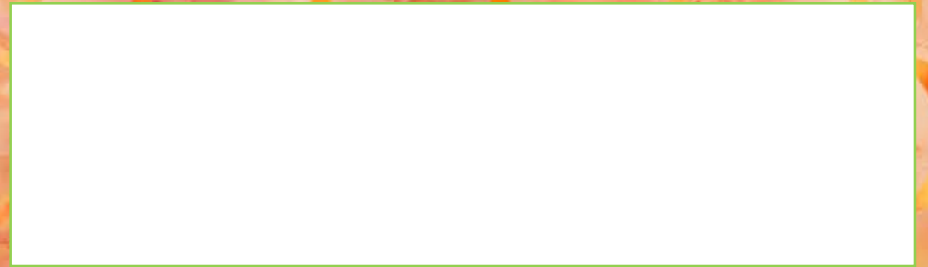
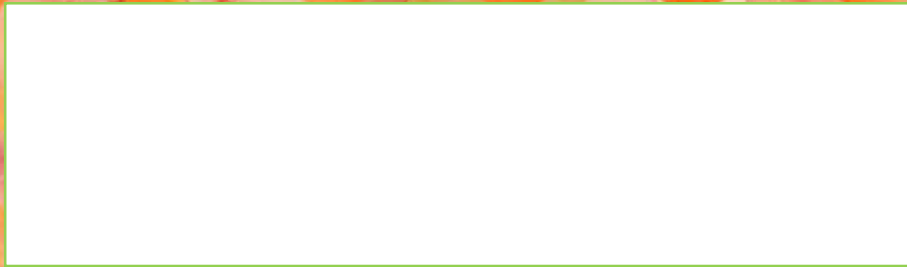
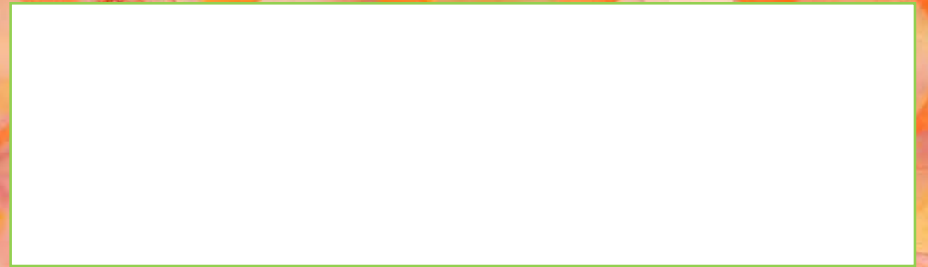
a pocket on the
side of the head
that can hold food

hibernate

to pass the winter in a
sleeping state

habitat

the natural home or
environment of an animal

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Vocabulary Task #1

Put the
vocabulary
words in ABC
order.

Vocabulary Task #2

Sort the words
by the number
of syllables.

Vocabulary Task #3

Use each
vocabulary word
in a complete
sentence.

Vocabulary Task #4

Practice reading
each word aloud.

Name: _____

Directions: In the shapes below compare the facts you have read about tree squirrels and chipmunks. How are they the same? How are they different?

Tree Squirrels & Chipmunks

Tree Squirrels

Chipmunks

Did you know that tree squirrels and chipmunks are both a part of the squirrel family?

Do you know where chipmunks live? They build burrows underground that can be up to 11 feet long.

Wow! There are over 265 species of squirrels in the world. The smallest is the African pygmy squirrel - it is only 10 cm long.

Tree squirrels and chipmunks are related to the flying squirrel. Flying squirrels can glide through the air so it looks like they are actually flying.

As adults, squirrels have perfect vision. However, when they are born, they are blind.

Chipmunks are often drawn in cartoons with chubby cheeks. Can you think of some famous chipmunks?


Squirrels can be found on every continent except two. Do you know which continents? They cannot be found on Antarctica or Australia.

Squirrels are mammals. They give birth to between two and eight babies at a time. These babies are called kittens!

Some squirrels hibernate and others do not!
Chipmunks are an example of a squirrel that hibernates while tree squirrels do not hibernate.

Name: _____

What do tree squirrels eat?



Draw some things a
tree squirrel really
eats.

What did you learn about a tree squirrel's diet? Write three facts about what they really eat.

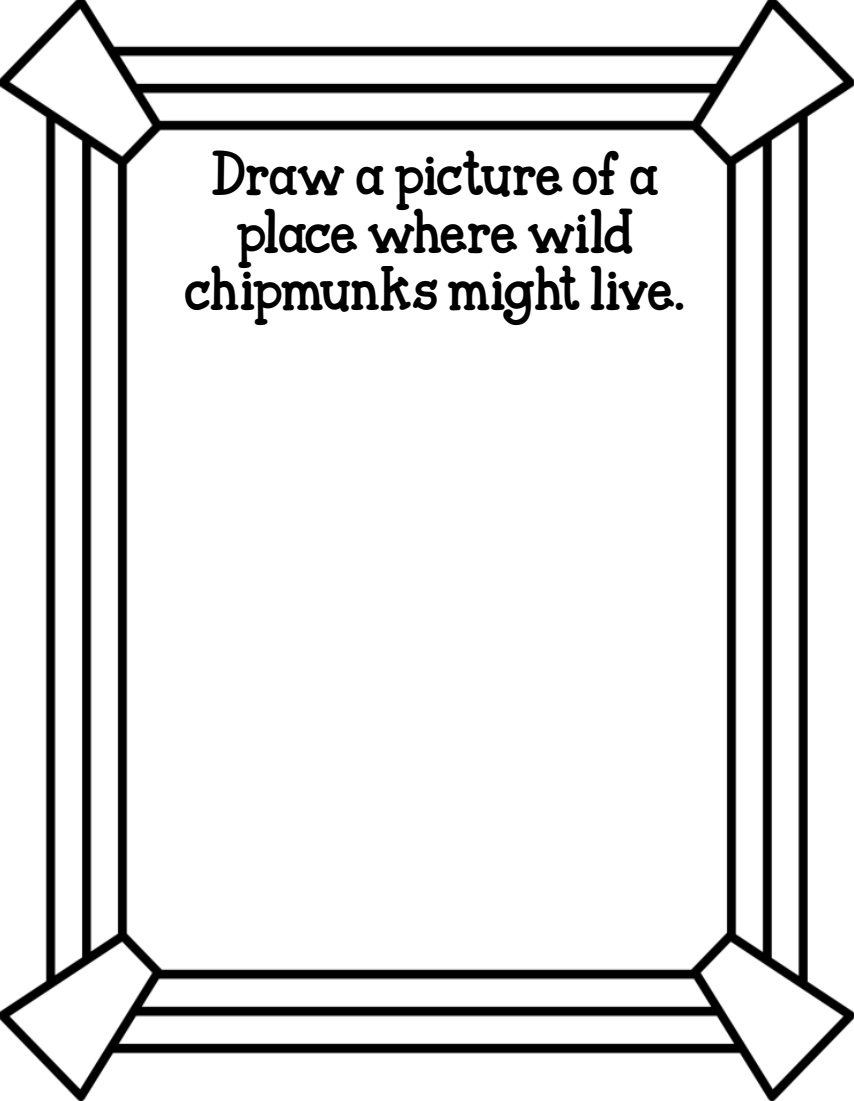
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Name: _____

Where can you find chipmunks?



Draw a picture of a
place where wild
chipmunks might live.

What did you learn about a chipmunk's
habitat? Write three facts about where
they live.

1. _____

2. _____

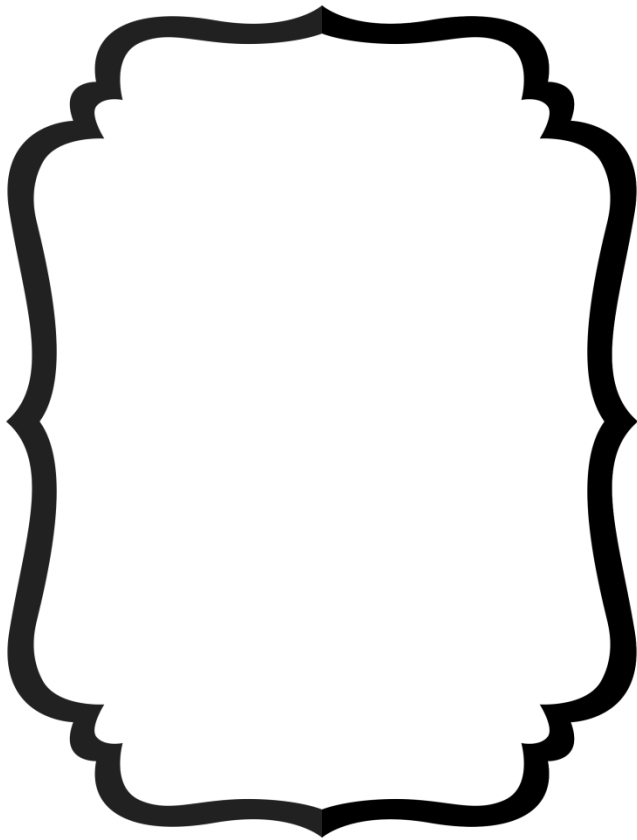
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Name: _____

My Opinion Is...

Tree squirrels are much better than chipmunks! Here are three reasons why I think that:

This is a tree squirrel:



1. _____

2. _____

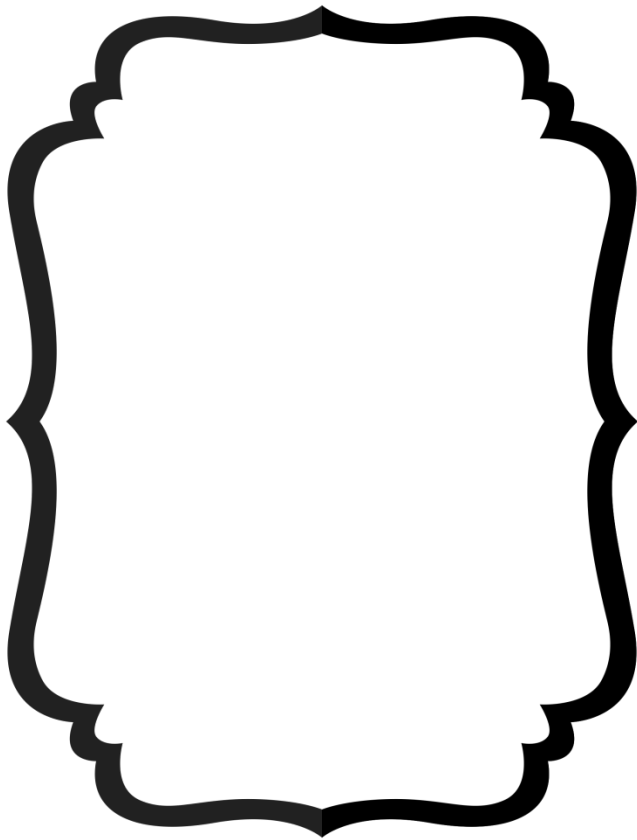
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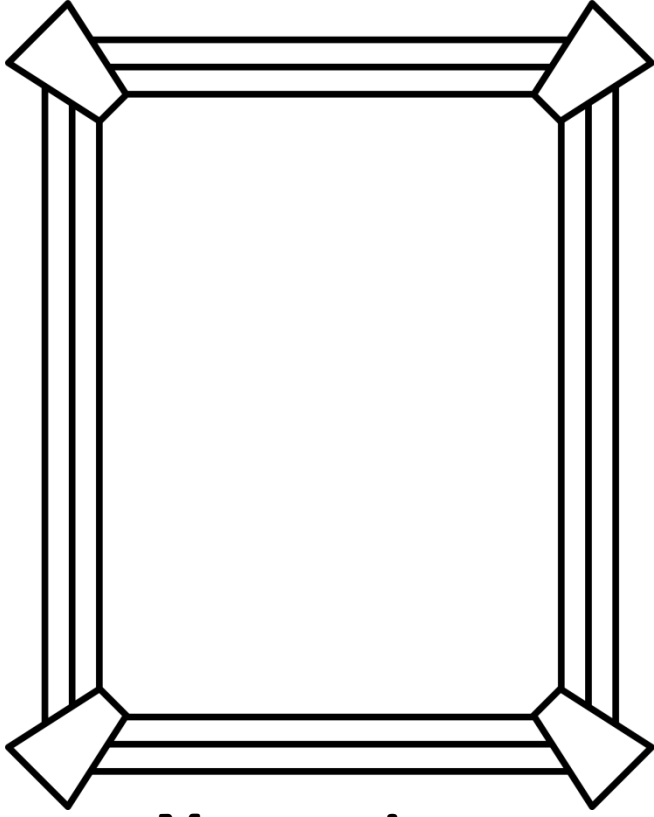


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2. _____

3. _____

Name: _____



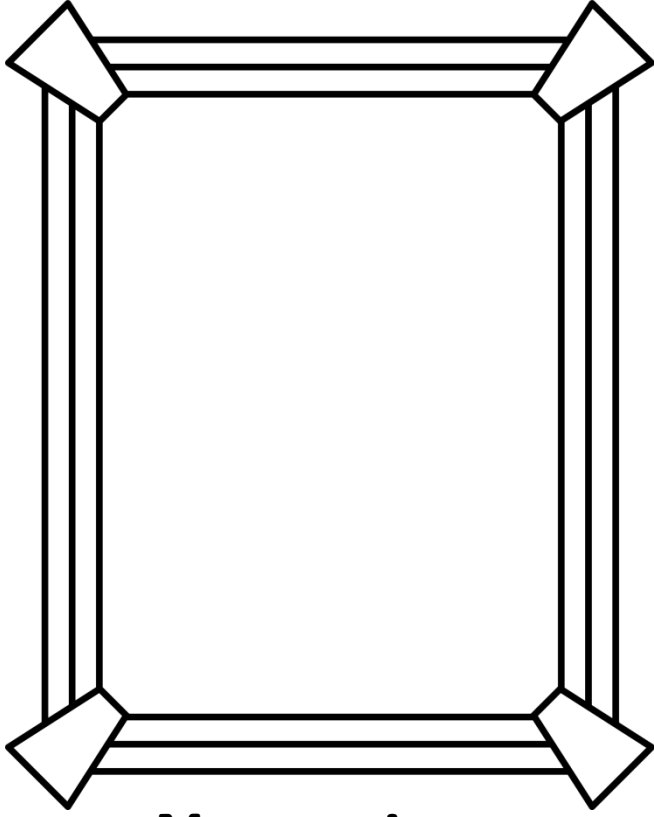
My animal is:

The book I read is:

The author is:

3 facts I learned are:

Name: _____



My animal is:

The book I read is:

The author is:

2 facts I learned are:

One thing I wonder is:

Name: _____

My animal is:



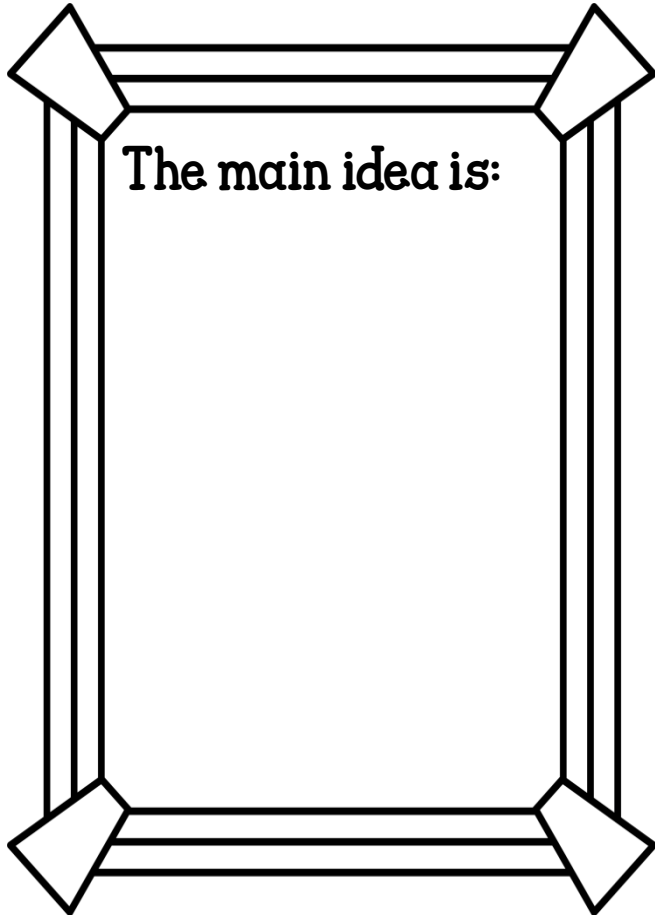
The book I read is:



The author is:



The main idea is:



3 supporting details are:



Name: _____

Tree Squirrels

are	look like
eat	live

Name: _____

Chipmunks

are	look like
eat	live

**My
animal
is:**

Habitat

Diet

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interesting
fact**

All About Tree Squirrels

Author: _____

All About Chipmunks

Author: _____

Habitat

Diet

Life Cycle

Interesting Fact

Interesting Fact

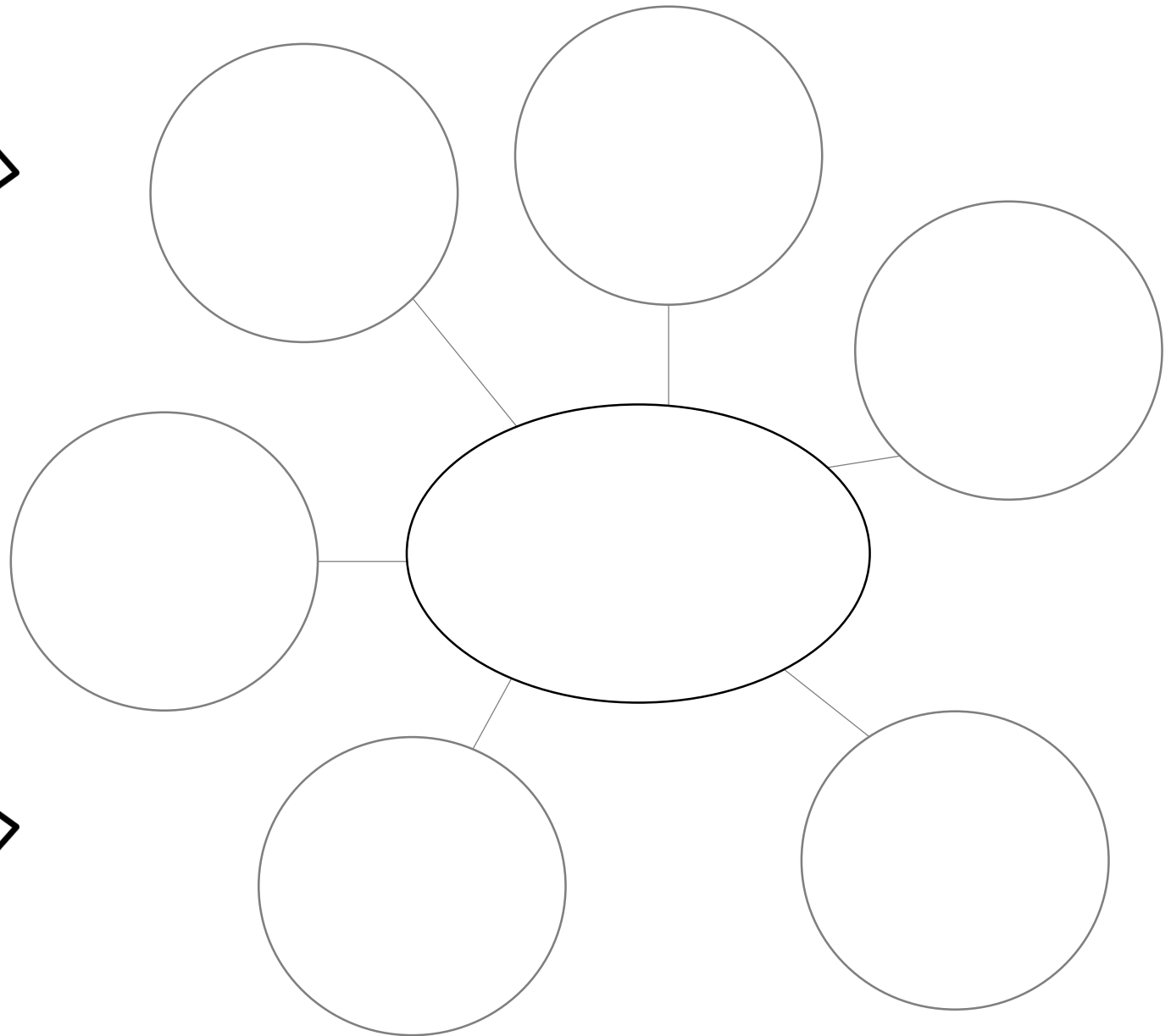
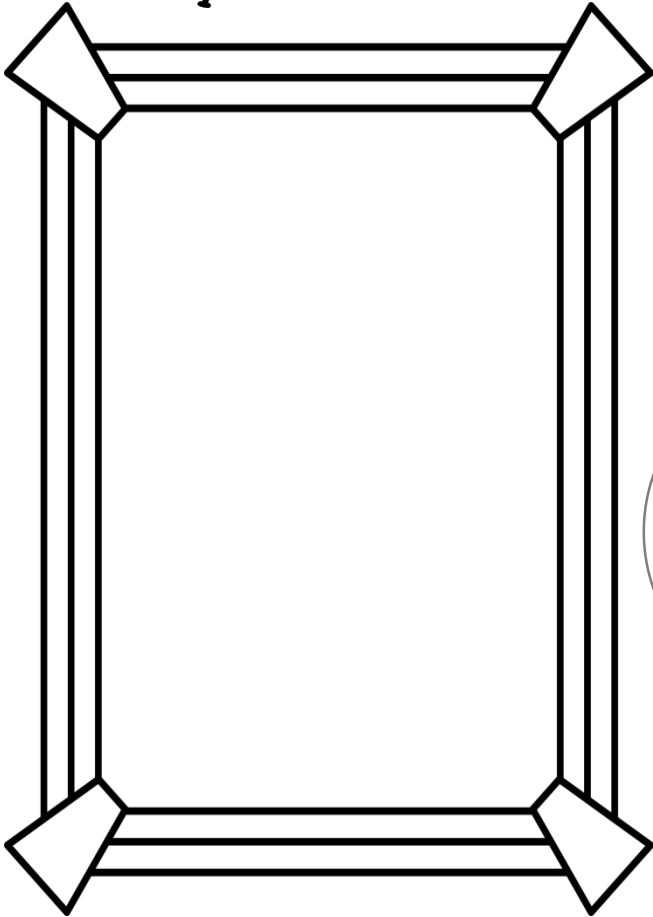
Interesting Fact

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My animal is:



Directions: Write the name of your animal in the center. In the web surrounding, write facts you have learned.