

# Research Project

FOR INTERMEDIATE CLASSROOMS

## Unit of Study



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# Noticings

- The title tells you the topic
- 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph is an introduction
- Contains facts about the topic
  - Does not share opinions
- Topic specific vocabulary
  - Strong conclusion



# Noticings



## Rattlesnakes

What do you know about rattlesnakes? I read a book and I think they are very interesting animals. They are predators who eat small rodents and birds. When a rattlesnake bites its prey with its fangs, venom is injected into the animal. The sound of a rattlesnake rattling is very scary.

## Polar Bears

GRRRRRR!!! The growls of a giant polar bear are the most terrifying of all the animals. The size of the polar is what makes it so scary. Did you know that polar bears are the largest of all the land predators? Male polar bears can grow to be 10 feet tall and weigh over 1400 pounds. People should be afraid of these creatures.

## Simone Biles

Have you watched Simone Biles perform? She is an amazing Olympic gymnast! Simone started doing gymnastics when she was five. Since then, she has become the most decorated U.S. women's gymnast ever. She earned four gold medals at the 2016 Olympics. Plus, it was so fun to watch her!

## Justin Timberlake

Justin Timberlake is the most talented performer of our time. He began his career as a child on Star Search and on The All New Mickey Mouse Club. He was brilliant on both of those shows. Justin rose to fame as part of NSYNC and is now a singer, songwriter, actor and producer. He has won nine Grammys along with several other awards. He is simply the best.

## The Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon is simply amazing! It is a mile deep canyon that has been carved by the Colorado River. It is hard to believe how big it is! It is 277 miles long and up to 18 miles wide in spots. It is a great place to visit.

## The White House

The White House is someplace everyone should visit because it is historic and very interesting. The White House is located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington D.C. It serves as the home to U.S. presidents and is awesome. It was built between 1792 and 1800. It was designed by James Hoban. It is absolutely beautiful

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The topic is: \_\_\_\_\_

**facts**

**opinions**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Choosing a Topic

Ideas that I am interested in:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

I have chosen to write about:

I am interested in this topic because:

National Geographic

Discovery

BrainPOP

NASA

Time for Kids

Wikipedia

Jackie's Bear Blog

Steven's Thoughts on  
the World

Facebook

Wren's Facts About  
Bears

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My topic is: \_\_\_\_\_

The fact I found about \_\_\_\_\_ is:

\_\_\_\_\_

I found this fact \_\_\_\_\_

I double checked my fact. I found it here

\_\_\_\_\_

Were the facts the same different.

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## Animal Research

animal

habitat

looks like

diet

how the animal moves

interesting facts

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Famous Person Research

person

born / died  
(place & date)

childhood

adult life

Why this person is famous...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Place Research

location

When was it built  
(or discovered.)

How it was named...

Interesting facts...

Why it's significant...

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Research**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Research

topic

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

# Paraphrasing vs. Plagiarism

- Paraphrasing includes the important facts the author shared.
- Paraphrasing does NOT use the author's words – the facts are rewritten in your own words.

Fire Ants  
From Seymour Simon's  
Animals Nobody Loves

Fire ants look like ordinary ants that you may find in your house or garden. They are called fire ants because their bites and stings are painful and burn like fire.

**We might paraphrase this passage like this:**

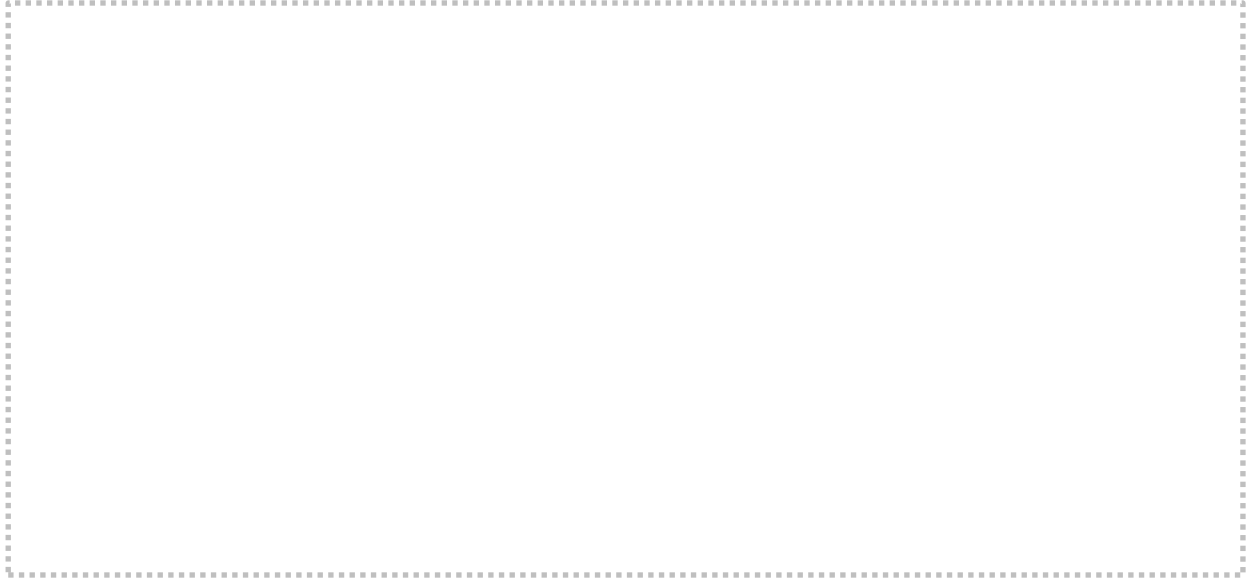
Even though fire ants look like normal ants, they are different. They can bite or sting, leaving a painful burn.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Using My Own Words

Title of Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's words:

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My paraphrasing...

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Word Choice in Your Writing

**My topic is:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>nouns about my topic</b>	
<b>adjectives about my topic</b>	
<b>verbs about my topic</b>	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Writing Sketch

My topic is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Introduction

Paragraph #1

Paragraph #2

Paragraph #3

Paragraph #4

Introduction

# Writing an Introduction

- You need to grab your reader's attention
  - State your topic clearly.
- Give an overview of what your reader will be reading.

## Tips for hooking readers!

- Pose a question

Did you know that horses cannot throw up?

- Use the shock factor

Yuck! Giraffes can clean their ears with their tongues!

- Be a joker

When I was little, I used to think that Yellowstone Park was really made of yellow stones!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Developing Your Paragraphs

My topic is: \_\_\_\_\_.

Paragraph #1

Detail #1

Detail #2

Detail #3

Paragraph #2

Detail #1

Detail #2

Detail #3

## Developing Your Paragraphs Page 2

Paragraph #3

Detail #1

Detail #2

Detail #3

Paragraph #4

Detail #1

Detail #2

Detail #3

## Developing Your Paragraphs Page 3

Paragraph #5

Detail #1

Detail #2

Detail #3

Paragraph #6

Detail #1

Detail #2

Detail #3

# Writing a Conclusion

- Take a quick look back at your writing
  - Repeat the main idea

## Ideas for your conclusion!

- Pose a question

What will you think about the next time you see a whale?

- Lesson

In the future, I will think about how hard work pays off.

- Feeling

Learning about Niagara Falls, makes me excited to go visit.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Introduction


## Paragraph #1


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph #2

Paragraph #3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph #4

Conclusion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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