Giraffes Can't Dance: Life Cycle Research Project

Directions: With so many wonderful animals illustrated in the book *Giraffes Can't Dance*, take some time to research and learn more about the animals that live on the African savanna! Through this interdisciplinary study, students will explore animal characteristics, life cycles, and offspring while addressing Indiana Science Standards 2.LS.1, 2.LS.2, and 2.LS.3.

Suggested Animals to Research:

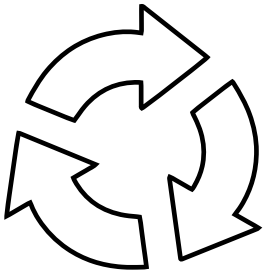
- Giraffes
- Elephants
- Crocodiles
- Warthogs
- Chimpanzees
- Lions
- Zebras
- Meerkats
- Ostriches
- Cheetahs
- Southern ground hornbills
- Leopard tortoises

Research and Share Your Learning:

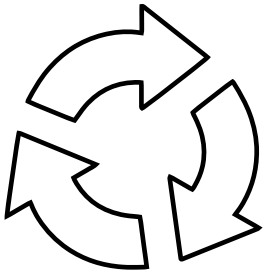
Using the attached graphic organizer, students will research one animal from the list above and complete each section with information they learn about their animal. Students can then use their research to create an informational book or poster to share what they have learned with others.

Suggested Research Resources:

- Epic!
- National Geographic Kids
- Animal Fact Guide



Life Cycle Research Graphic Organizer



All About My Animal	Life Cycle
1. Name of animal: 2. Where does your animal live? 3. Describe your animal. 4. What does your animal eat?	1. Name the stages of your animal's life cycle. 2. How does your animal grow and change? 3. Illustrate your animal's life cycle on the back of this paper.
Parent and Offspring	**Parent and Offspring**
1. What are babies called? 2. Do babies stay with their parents or live on their own? 3. How do parents care for or protect their young? 4. How do babies get food?	1. What body coverings does your animal have (fur, feathers, scales)? 2. What special body parts does it have to help it survive? Think: wings, tails, claws, fins, beaks. 3. How do these features help it survive in its habitat?

Interesting Facts:

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