

Species on the Edge Contest Pre-Writing Sheet

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| To organize your thoughts and research for your essay, fill out the chart below. Be thoughtful and take time to consider each section carefully. | | Source |
| Habitat (Research) | | |
| Diet (Research) | | |
| History in NJ (Research) | | |
| Pretend you are your selected animal. What makes your life and species worth protecting? List 3 things NJ would miss about you. | NJ would miss me, the (fill your animal here), because 1. 2. 3. | |
| How will you grab your reader's attention in the first sentence of your essay? Brainstorm some HOOKS that will HOOK your reader's attention. Consider starting with an amazing fact or question. | | |