

### RAFT EXAMPLE 2

This RAFT is designed for students in a second grade class as they are learning about endangered and extinct animals in science and about natural resources in social studies. Students study both topics for a number of days before they do the RAFT. This activity serves as a culmination to this period of study.

**RAFT Goals**

*Students should know*

- The basic needs of plants and animals.
- The role of natural resources in the lives of people and animals.

*Students should understand*

- Our actions affect the balance of life on Earth.
- Animals become endangered or extinct when the natural resources they need are damaged or limited.
- Natural resources are not unlimited and must be used wisely.

*Student should be able to*

- Identify causes of problems because of misuse of natural resources.
- Propose a useful solution to the problems.

### RAFT Activity

**Directions:** Pick one of these three activities to show what you know about why taking care of natural resources is important to the balance of life in our world. Use what you have learned about our endangered and extinct animals and natural resources to make your work helpful to everyone who sees it. Be ready to explain how you know your work is of high quality.

| Role                 | Audience                               | Format                                      | Topic  |
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| The Earth            | Aliens who might want to live on earth | A written set of rules with reasons         | What you need to know and do if you want to live here                      |
| An endangered animal | Humans                                 | A poster with an exhibit card to explain it | Why I need you and how you can help save me                                |
| A natural resource   | Our class                              | A speech                                    | What people need to know about using this well and why that matters anyhow |

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