

Performance Task Anchor Chart

(For Teacher Reference)

Directions: Write the following on a piece of chart paper in advance of this lesson.

Performance Task

After researching informational texts on animal defenses, create a choose-your-own adventure book about your chosen animal. Other students, teachers, and parents will read your narrative for pleasure and to learn more about how your expert animal defends itself. Write an introduction that describes your animal's physical characteristics, habitat, predators, and defense mechanisms. In your narrative, describe an encounter with a predator and two possible defense mechanisms for survival. Use details and examples from your research to develop your narrative, including concrete words, phrases, and sensory details to describe your animal's experiences and events precisely. Clearly organize your narrative by using transitional words and phrases to show the sequence of events.

- An illustrated cover page with title
- An informational page with a physical description of your animal, its habitat, its defense mechanisms, and its predators
- An About Your Adventure page explaining how to read the book and the possible challenges your animal could encounter
- An introduction to your narrative, describing the challenge your animal encounters and two choices (defense mechanisms) it could make in order to survive
- A page for each choice (defense mechanism) describing the experience or events showing how your animal responds to the choice
- List of sources from your research