

Rubric:

Each group looks at one animal.

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
Description of animal	A vivid description is provided	An adequate description is provided	A poor or no description is provided.
Made the range of the animal clear	The complete range (geographic and temporal) is mentioned	One part of the range is mentioned or one or both are incomplete	There is no mention of range.
Identified the preferred habitat	The preferred habitat is explained appropriately	The preferred habitat is poorly or incompletely explained	Preferred habitat is not explained
Identified the preferred diet	The preferred diet is explained appropriately	The preferred diet is poorly or incompletely explained	Preferred diet is not explained
Identified whether the animal is extinct or extant	Information is present	-----	Information is not present
Hypothesis for why it is found only on one coast/on both coasts	A reasonable suggestion, based on the research, is made.	A reasonable suggestion is made but it is not supported by research.	No hypothesis, or an unreasonable one, is made
Information accurately reflects research	There are no factual errors. Information was appropriately cited.	There are minor factual errors. Information was appropriately cited.	There were major factual errors. Information was not cited properly or not at all.