



MINNESOTA ZOO
Changing how you see the world

Geography Animals of the World Pre-visit Activity

MN Graduation Standards supported:

Grade 7-12 Strand I.D
The student will understand how scientific discovery, culture, societal norms, and technology have influenced one another in different time periods.

Grades 4-8 Strand V.D
The student will demonstrate how various regional frameworks are used to analyze the variation in physical environment.

Introduction:

Animals found at the Minnesota Zoo represent species found all over the world

Objectives:

At the end of this lesson, students will:

1. Learn where animals at the Minnesota Zoo are found in the wild.
2. Become familiar with some of the animals they will see at the Minnesota Zoo.
3. Learn what animals other countries have as national symbols.

Procedure:

1. Print off the Animals of the World worksheet.
2. Have the students label the countries of South America on the map.
3. Use the Minnesota Zoo website to look up the animals listed on the worksheet. List the countries these animals are native to.
4. (optional) Students could put a picture of that animal on the map)