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Activity One

Design A Domain

There are many things wrong with Ivan's home at the mall. It is in bad shape and not good for a gorilla. The whole place needs to be repaired. It is not a place for animals!

Zoos are all over the world. They are home to so many different species. Some zoos only have local animals, and others have animals from all over the world. Many zoos do their best to support conservation. They want their animals to be happy and well cared for.

What makes a zoo successful? Is it the variety of animals? Is it the gift shop? Perhaps it is the extra attractions! All zoos need to provide their customers with a safe and fun time. You will design a zoo!

You will create an aerial map of a zoo. This means your map will show the buildings as if you were flying above them. The map should show:

- animal enclosures
- paths for guests
- washrooms
- a ticket booth
- a gift shop
- an extra attraction

Think about how you use the space. Which animals need a larger area? What animals would you love to have? Is there a theme for your park? Include as many details as you can. Think of how exciting it would be to visit your zoo in person!

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Activity Two

A New Home

Ivan has lived in many places. From his start in Africa to the zoo, he has seen different habitats. His goal is to get Ruby to a zoo. He realizes that a zoo will be better than the mall. Although he realizes it will still be a cage, it is a better life.

Another place for animals is a nature reserve. There are nature reserves all over the world. Many people have spent their lives looking after animals.

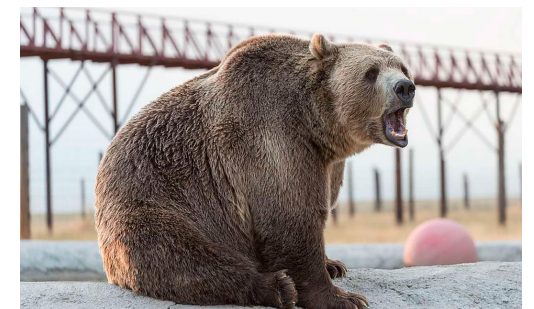
You will prepare a report on a conservation area of your choice. Do you have a favorite animal? Research what organization protects them.

Things to include:

- The name of the organization.
- What animals live there?
- Where is it?
- Special features.
- Volunteer opportunities.

You can choose how you present your information. Use more than one website to make sure you have accurate information. Your work should be free of spelling and grammar errors.

Want to take your report further? Convince others to donate to the cause. You can make a difference! Share why this conservation area is so important, and you too can help!



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Activity Three

Section 1

(hello to stella's trunk)

Friends and Family

Ivan lives in the mall with a wide variety of animals. There are many different species. Exotic animals and house pets live side by side. Stella is an elephant, and Ivan a gorilla. He mentions they don't have much in common. Even a few things in common help them build a friendship. Think of one of your dearest friends. What do you have in common? How does it help create your friendship? Write about what makes your friendship unique.



Section 2

(a plan to change)

Dear Diary

Julia's dad is the custodian at the Big Top Mall. Ivan introduces her to the reader as a kid he doesn't mind. She doesn't act like all of the other rude visitors. Julia is very concerned for the animals. Imagine you are Julia. Write a diary entry that describes a visit to the mall. What does she see? How does she feel? What might be going through her mind? Be sure to include her thoughts on Ivan and the crew!

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Activity Four

Inspired by Ivan!

Making art is a large part of this story. From a young age, Ivan has loved to paint. His family even gave him a nickname from it! He paints with different things, like mud. Julia sneaks him art supplies. His paintings are loved by the mall visitors!

There are many stories of animals making works of art. A rhinoceros in Denver, Colorado became an artist! In 2015, he started using his mouth to hold a paintbrush. The rest is history! Other animals like whales, birds and monkeys have been known to create art.



Your task is to create artwork inspired by an animal. You can choose any animal you like. Ivan painted, but you can choose any medium. Here are some suggestions:

- A collage.
- A sculpture.
- Pen and ink.
- A comic.
- Fabric art.

Let Ivan inspire you! Will your art share a message? How will nature lead you?

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Activity Five

Homo Sapiens: A Documentary



For decades, there have been animal documentaries. These films follow animals very closely. Often, there is a wise narrator describing a scene. The film crew for these will travel all over the world! Camera skills lets viewers get an up close and personal look into nature.

Animal videos help us learn about their nature. Often documentaries follow a group of animals for a long time. Sometimes, they view a whole ecosystem and what lives there. The cameras will zoom in on tiny details. You can watch an ant have its lunch!

Ivan reminded us that humans are animals too. He had lots of thoughts on our homo sapiens species. Ivan made many observations about people. He couldn't understand why we needed to talk so much!

You will spend a day as a documentary director. Who will you study? You and your world! Record a day in the life of a human. What will you see? Where will you go? Who will you be there with? You can film from your point of view, or have a friend record you. You should have at least 10 minutes of recorded footage. What is a key part of the movie? Your narration. A good nature film has a voiceover.

What clever observations will you make? What will amaze your audience? Perhaps it will be the great food in your cafeteria. Maybe it will be the all-star recess games you play. No detail is too small! Look around your world closely. There is always something to learn about human nature.



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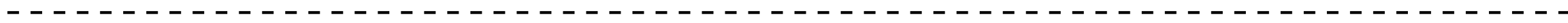
Activity Six

Section 4

(children to the one and only ivan)

An Ode to Stella

In many places, people write obituaries for those that die. It is written in honor of someone they love. Often it tells details about the person's life. They highlight their achievements and what they are known for. Write an obituary for Stella. What kind words could you use to describe her? How did she impact those around her? Keep it brief, but don't spare the warm messages.



Section 10

(something in the air to silverback)

The Good, the Bad, and the Gorilla

Western movies follow Ivan throughout the story. He first watches them in his domain. He notices how there is a sheriff and a bad guy. Sometimes, there is even a romance! When Ivan is courting Kinyani, he thinks back to those movies. Imagine you are writing a Western. Using the characters from the book, write a tall tale. Who would be the hero? Who would be the villain? How would these animals do in the Wild West?