

Name: _____ Date: _____

Are You Qualified?

Characteristics of Vertebrates

For this assignment you will research one animal in each vertebrate classification.

- a. Choose your favorite animal in each vertebrate classification. (mammal, reptile, fish, amphibian, bird)
- b. Gather facts about each vertebrate. Focus on its special abilities and unique adaptations. You may use the internet, encyclopedia or any reliable source.
- c. Use the facts you have gathered to complete a resumé, an example has been provided for you.
- d. Find a picture of your vertebrate and attach to the resumé.

Each resume should include the following:

- Scientific and Common name of vertebrate
- A nickname (any personal name you want to give your animal)
- Year of Birth (Optional)
- Age (Optional)
- Address: Describe the vertebrate's habitat.
- A personal description: size, physical characteristics (at **LEAST** 3), and feeding habits.
- Job Goal: What job are you requesting? Your job should be within the characteristics of your chosen animal.
Example: If you choose a panda, it should not have a job about flying
- Picture (cut and paste is fine)

DUE: Monday, March 30, 2020

Name: _____ Date: _____

RESUMÉ

Name: American Alligator
Alligator mississippiensis

Nickname: Gator Breath

Year of birth: 1999

Age: 10



Address: Rivers, ponds, lakes, and other wetland areas of the southeastern United States

Personal description: I am a male alligator, about 11 feet long and weighing 447 pounds. I have four short legs and am shaped like a large lizard. I have a powerful tail that you'd better watch out for! My skin is rough and scaly. I am a protected animal that eats fish, turtles, mammals, birds, and snakes. Sometimes, I even eat one of my own kind!

Job Goal: I am looking for a job as a private investigator. I would be great at the job because with my dark, uniform color, I can lurk in murky waters and spy on suspected criminals. When confronted, I could use my large sweeping tail to knock my attacker down. Then I could either use my tail to keep him from getting away or threaten to bite him with my 80 teeth!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Scoring Chart

	Common Name (1 pt)	Scientific Name (1 pt)	Nickname (1 pt)	Address (Habitat) (5 pts)	Personal Description (9 pts)	Job Goal (3 pts)	Total
Mammal							
Reptile							
Fish							
Amphibian							
Bird							
Overall Total							

Personal Description: Minimum of different descriptions. One description must be about a characteristic about their vertebrate category. 3 points for each description.

Job Goal: Must relate to the animal's physical abilities and characteristics.

Resumes can be turned in on word or in a power point. Only one sheet or slide per vertebrate. No transitions please.

Comments: _____

