Wolves & Their Relatives
Research Flip Books

Overview
Students can hone their research, organizational, and writing skills with this flipbook project about wolves and their relatives, foxes and coyotes.

Introduction to Canids
Canids are a family of three categories of animals: wolves, foxes, and coyotes. According to the International Wolf Center, "The canid family consists of thirty-five living species. Eight of these species inhabit North America. These North American species include gray wolves, red wolves, coyotes, red foxes, gray foxes, kit foxes, swift foxes and arctic foxes." Visit https://wolf.org/wolf-info/basic-wolf-info/types-of-wolves for background information on this animal family.
Research Project

- Review information about canids with students.

- Create a list of canids students can choose to research.
  - There are many canids that live in different parts of the world. You can focus on the eight that live in North America: gray wolves, red wolves, coyotes, red foxes, gray foxes, kit, swift, and arctic foxes OR
  - You can expand the list to include canid species from this international list: https://www.britannica.com/topic/list-of-canines-2058410

- Ask students to choose which animal they would like to research, using the websites and books linked below.

- They can use one of your regular organizers of the essay map on the next page to help them organize the information about their animal’s appearance, habitat, diet, and behaviors that help them adapt and survive.

- After they have organized their research, they should compose drafts of their informational paragraphs.

- Once they have reviewed and edited their draft, they can publish the final version in their flip book. They can list the fun facts on the last flap.

- NOTE: the flipbook template is available as a separate document on the CILC Maker Space.

websites:
  https://wolf.org/wolf-info/wild-kids/
  https://www.ducksters.com/animals.php
  https://www.kiddle.co/
  https://www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Wildlife-Guide
  https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals

for help finding books:
  https://www.alibris.com/search/books/subject/Children%27s-Nonfiction-Animals-Wolves
  https://www.alibris.com/search/books/subject/Children%27s-Nonfiction-Animals-foxes
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