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Fourth Grade
Range of Writing Opinion Writing Samples



File Name: O4R Wow I am glad we have zoo

Opinion/Argument

Grade 4

Instructional Writing

Wow I am glad we have zoo

States an opinion

There should be zoos because they save animals and help people learn a lot about animals.

Did you know thirty species of animals were saved because of zoos? Zoos give animals don't receive in the wild. I am so glad that there are zoos to save animals without them?

Introduces the topic clearly by stating, in general terms, the reasons that will later be discussed in detail

There should be zoos because zookeepers give so much care to the animals. There are no longer cages and the fences are hidden, so the animals feel like they are in the wild. Zoos make sure to hide the animals' food so they can learn to hunt. Sometimes there is a tinted glass so the animals can't see all the chaos going on. I am so glad the zookeepers give their time to care for the animals.

Thanks goodness we have zoos.

Provides reasons that are supported by facts and details

Without zoos, a lot of animals could have been extinct. Zoos are trying to prevent animals from going extinct, and they are doing a great job! Animals such as red wolves were saved. Zoos take a male and a female so they can have babies and make more of the animal's kind. When animals mate in zoos their babies won't get diseases from the wild. Zoos are trying to stop extinction and they're doing great.

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Links opinion and reasons using words and phrases

customers learn at zoos the workers do to about animal behavior to make their habitats better. Thank goodness zoos are here, so we can learn a lot about different animals.

Zoos benefit both people and animals. We could help by going to a zoo and paying a fee to get in. when we do that all the money goes to the zoo and animals. It is impossible to help kids learn while having fun seeing the animals in person. With the help of zoos you will support a lot of animals. So with that said next times you do not know go to a zoo!

Provides a concluding section related to the opinion presented that summarizes the argument and suggests an action to be taken

In this fourth-grade opinion piece, written in response to an informational article, the writer clearly states an opinion (“*There should be zoos*”) and provides three reasons for the opinion (“*zookeepers give so much care to the animals*”, “*animals could have been extinct*”, “*you can learn so much*”). Related ideas are grouped to support the writer’s purpose. Each reason is discussed in a focused paragraph and is supported with facts (“*red wolves were saved*”) and details (“*zoos take a male and female animal so they can have babies*”). Linking words and phrases (“*because*”, “*so*”) connect ideas within paragraphs. The concluding paragraph summarizes the argument (“*Zoos benefit both people and animals.*”) and suggests an action to be taken (“*go to a zoo*”).

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Revised and Edited for Student Use

Wow! I Am Glad We Have Zoos!

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There should be zoos because zookeepers give so much care to the animals. There are no longer cages, and the fences are hidden, so the animals feel like they're in the wild. Zoos make sure to hide the animals' food so they can learn to hunt. Sometimes there's tinted glass so the animals can't see all the chaos going on. I am so glad the zookeepers give their time to care for the animals. Thank goodness we have zoos!

Without zoos, a lot of animals could have become extinct. Zoos are trying to solve the problem of extinction, and they're doing a great job! Animals such as red wolves were saved. Zoos take a male and a female so they can have babies. This makes more animals of its kind. When animals mate in zoos, their babies won't get diseases from the wild. Zoos are trying to stop extinction, and they're doing great.

When visiting a zoo, you can learn so much. You are able to see animals from faraway places without paying for a \$200 plane ticket. Zoos are a great way to learn and have fun. Not only do the

customers learn at zoos, but the workers do, too—about animal behavior and how to make animal habitats better. Thank goodness zoos are here so we can learn a lot about different animals.

Zoos benefit both people and animals. We could help by going to a zoo and paying a fee to get in. When we do that, all the money goes to the zoo and animals. It is important that we have zoos to help kids learn while they are having fun and seeing the animals in person. With your help, zoos can support a lot of animals. So, with that said, the next time you do not know what to do, go to a zoo!

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