

Student Sample A

Grade 5 Opinion Writing Performance Task: Zoos

Zoos Are Cool

Do you think that we should have zoos? I strongly agree with having zoos. A few reasons I think this are research, education, and to keep animals from extinction. These are just a few reasons why we need zoos.

One reason we need zoos is for research. Zoos offer an enclosed space for research on a specific animal. According to source #1, "Zoos offer a controlled environment for research." I also learned (from source #1) that biologists research animal behavior, reproduction, and nutrition. This is how zoos help us with research.

Zoos also help with educating the next generation. According to source #1, "it is important to educate kids so that they learn about animals." I also learned from source #1 that zoos are safe for kids, animals, and adults. This means that it is a safe place to learn as well as fun! That is how zoos teach kids.

Another reason zoos are good, is that zoos have breeding programs. According to source #3, "A 2010 study showed that breeding programs in zoos have recovered 28% endangered species." In my opinion, this is good because then we can at least try to keep certain animal species from extinction. This is what happened with the horned oryx. According to source #1 "The horned oryx went extinct in the wild and only lives in captivity." that is how breeding programs are good.

I strongly believe that we should have zoos. Research, educate kids, and keep animals from extinction are the reasons I gave to support my opinion. I also enjoy zoos. Do you?