

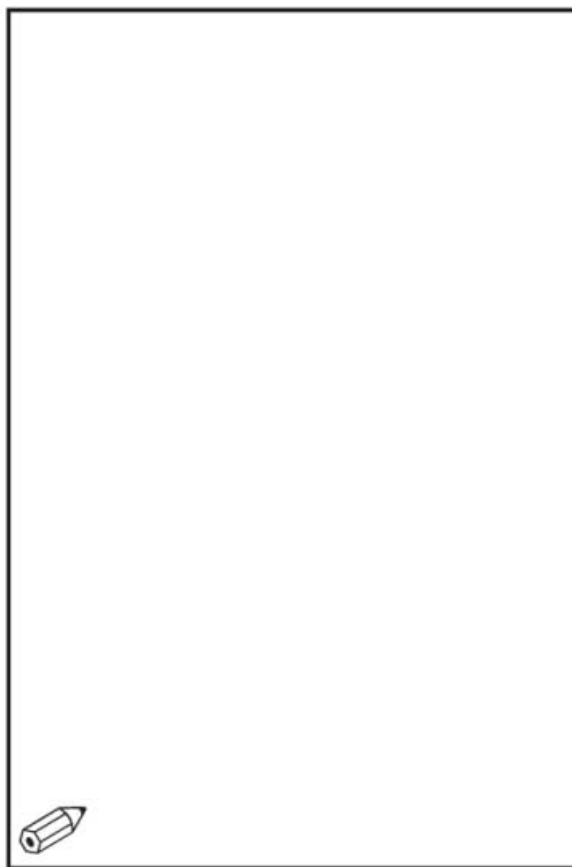
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AMAZING ANIMAL FACTS!

Directions: Choose one of the animals named in *Wild About Books* and do research on the animal—what they like to eat, where they live, how they behave, or any additional interesting information. Fill in the grid below, then use the information you have gathered to write a paragraph describing your animal. Draw a picture of the animal and share your findings with the class.

Name of Animal: _____

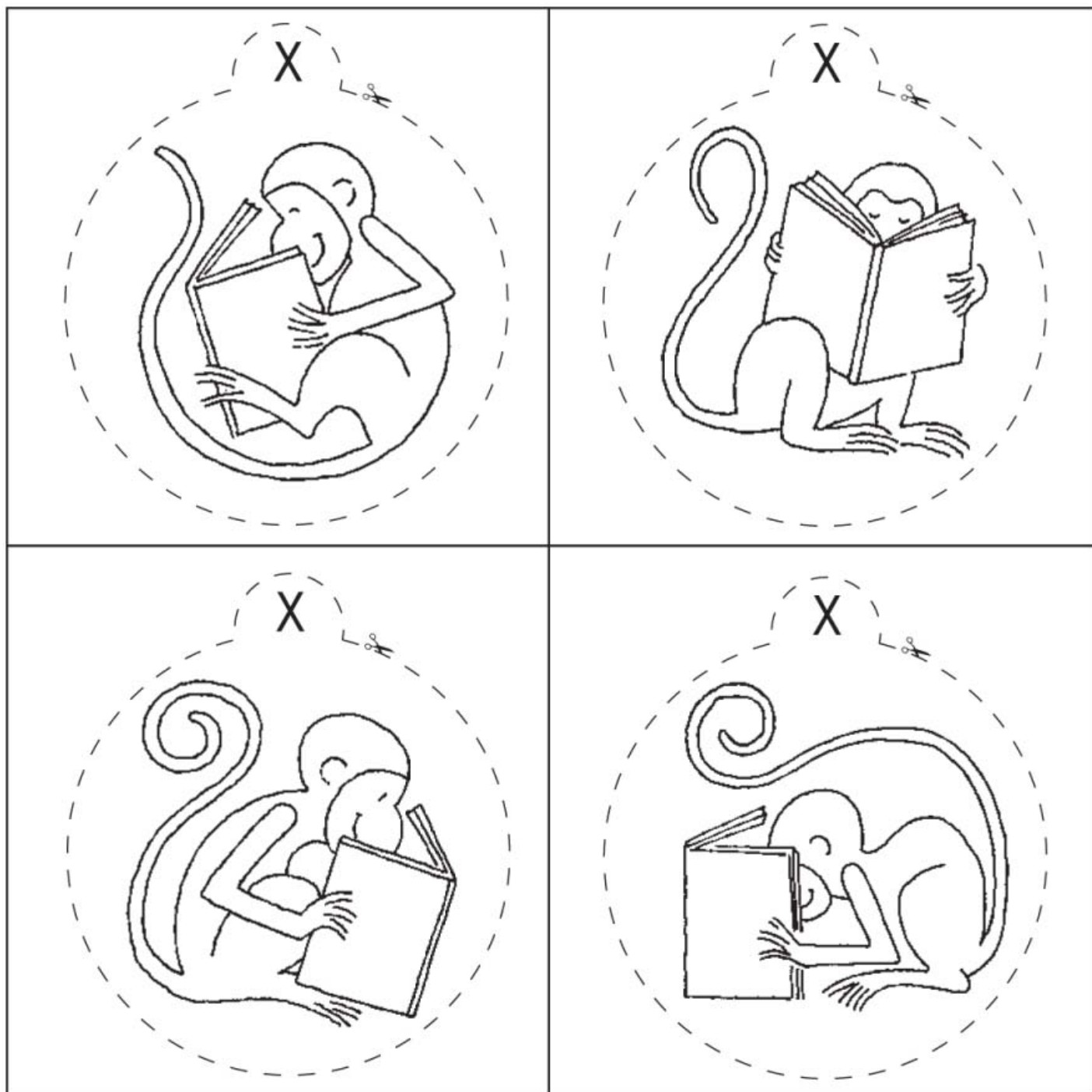
Appearance	Behavior	Habitat	Food Source	Interesting Facts



MONKEY MOBILE!

Directions: Have your students make a colorful mobile for your classroom or library! Cut out one of the squares below for each student and ask them to color in the monkeys. Direct the students to cut along the dotted lines (using safety scissors) and to carefully punch a hole through the small X. Then, ask your students to write their name and the name of their favorite book on the reverse side.

Provide the students with varied lengths of yarn or string and have them assist you in putting together the mobile, by hanging the monkeys from a plastic coat hanger or dowel rod.



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Wild About Books by Judy Sierra, with pictures by Marc Brown, is the rollicking adventure of children's librarian Molly McGrew, who by mistake drove her bookmobile into the zoo! Here are some activities to share with young readers in your classroom or library. From poetry writing to research skills to just plain fun, there's something for every child to enjoy.

In addition to the activity sheets, you may want to discuss writing forms mentioned in the book, such as novels, memoirs, or stinging reviews, or the origin of the term *Zoolitzer Prize*. And finally, let your imagination run wild with ways to use the book. You might try asking students:

In *Wild About Books*, the animals read their books in niches, nests, and nooks.
Where is your favorite place to go wild, simply wild, about wonderful books?

Name: _____

ZOO HAIKU

Directions: Choose your favorite animal, then write a haiku from the animal's point of view.

Haiku is one of the most important forms of traditional Japanese poetry and often illustrates some aspect of nature or tranquility. A haiku is a three-line poem: the first line with five syllables, the second line with seven syllables, and the third line with five syllables. It does not need to rhyme.





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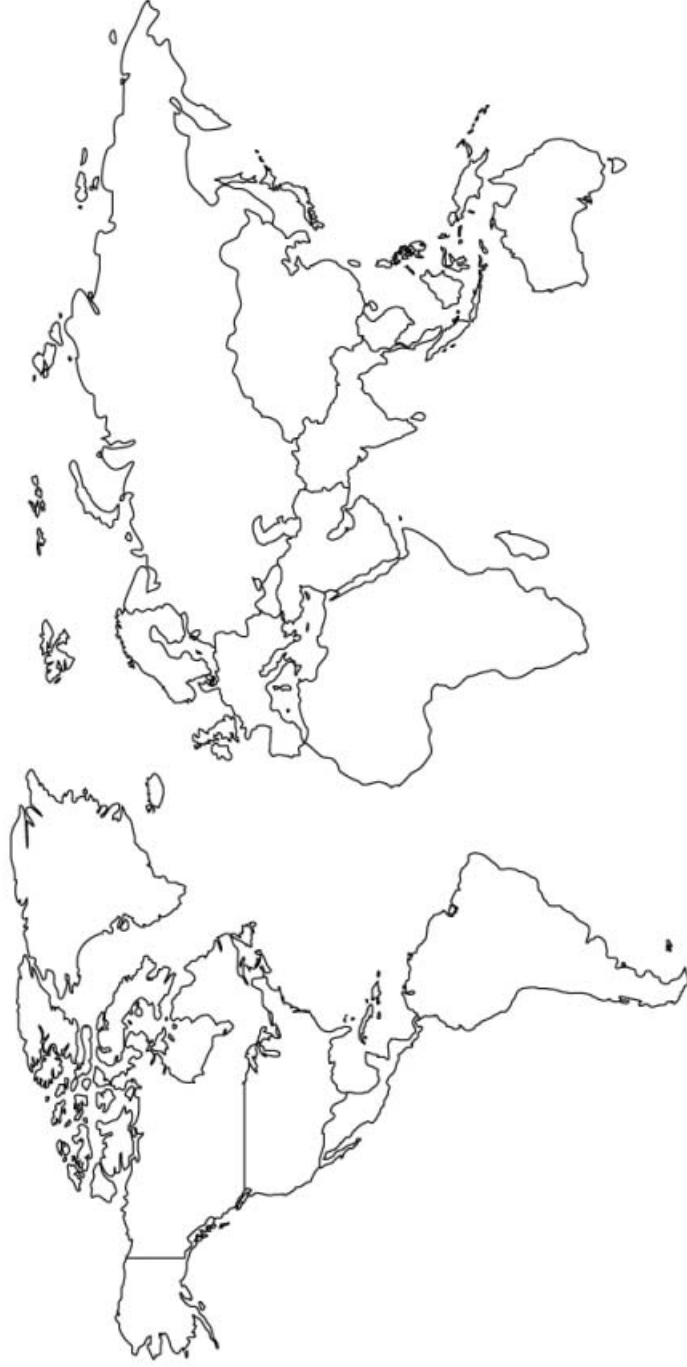
GEOGRAPHY GOES WILD!

Directions: Write the names of your favorite animals from *Wild About Books* on each of the lines around the map. Then draw lines from the names to the animals' native geographic areas.

My favorite animal

My favorite animal

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