

# NocturnalS

## HABITAT RESEARCH

**HABITAT** A habitat is the environment where a plant or an animal lives. All creatures like to live in a natural home, or habitat, that provides the resources they need to survive: air, food, water, shelter, and space.

**DIRECTIONS** Pick an animal and use this worksheet to guide your research on its habitat. Record your findings by writing notes and drawing pictures in the spaces below. Word banks are provided to help you get started. As you research, circle words that describe your habitat, and cross out ones that do not.

### My Animal:

### Habitat:

forest • grassland • desert • mountain  
tundra • ocean • wetlands • other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Food Source:

grass • trees • nuts • berries  
bugs • small animals • other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Plants:

trees • bushes • grass • shrubs  
moss • bare (no plants) • other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ground:

soil • sand • covered in leaves  
rocks • snow • other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Shelter:

trees • bushes • burrows • dens  
nests • rock crevasses • other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Surroundings & Other Features:

prairie • mountain • lake • river  
streams • paths • climbing areas  
hunting areas • other: \_\_\_\_\_

Make  
notes of  
colors and  
textures!

Don't  
forget a  
water  
source!

Can you build a mini habitat diorama that meets all of your animal's needs? →

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**DIRECTIONS** Bring your research to life by building a scale model of your habitat that meets all of your animal's needs. Before you get started, use your habitat research to fill in the graphic organizer below and plan the materials you will use to build your diorama. *Example supplies are listed below, but what else can you think of?!*

### REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Your Habitat Research
- Container or shoebox
- Scissors
- Glue and/or tape
- Your imagination!

### EXAMPLE SUPPLIES

#### From Nature:

- Leaves
- Twigs
- Rocks
- Moss

#### Craft Materials:

- Crayons
- Markers
- Paint
- Paper

#### Recycled Goods:

- Trash and other found objects
- Toilet paper rolls
- Magazines and scrap paper
- Product packaging

MY HABITAT PLAN	My research tells me to make:	The colors & textures:	The materials I will use:
Background	<i>Example: Night sky and tree line</i>		
Shelter			
Ground			
Plants			
Food			
Surroundings			
Animal			
Other			

**Now, use your ideas and imagination to build your mini habitat diorama!**

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