

FAMILY BOOK CONNECTIONS

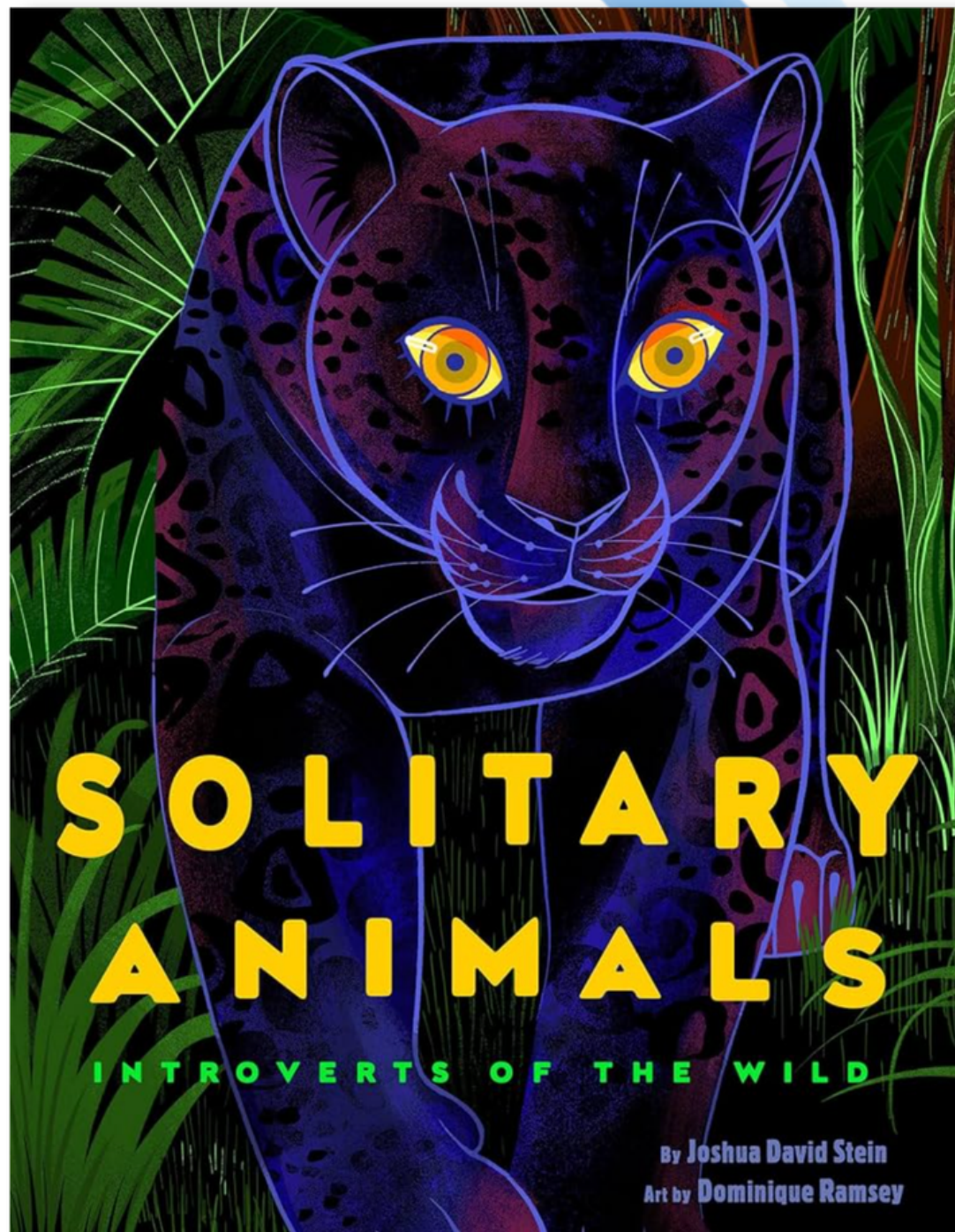
BOOK BRIDGES

Solitary Animals: Introverts of the Wild

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Summary of Solitary Animals: Introverts of the Wild

The story introduces readers to animals that gather in groups and the surprising names used for those groups. It also explores animals that spend much of their lives alone. Through vivid examples, readers discover what it means for an animal to be solitary, how solitary animals meet their needs, and why living alone can be an effective survival strategy. The book invites families to think about the advantages and challenges of living in a group or on one's own.

Read Alouds



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About the Author and Illustrator

Joshua David Stein is an author, journalist, and editor based in Brooklyn, New York. He has written for major publications, including The New York Times, and is the author of books for both children and adults. Outside of writing, he enjoys singing, drawing, and dancing. He also has a rescue dog named Hermione.

Dominique Ramsey is an illustrator from Charlotte, North Carolina. Her work has appeared in projects for companies including Netflix, Apple, and Walmart. She enjoys watching documentaries, traveling, reading, and saying “hello” to every animal she meets. Families can learn more about her work through her website.

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Questions to Ask Before, During, and After Reading

Talking before, during, and after reading helps children think deeply, notice clues, and connect the book to their own lives.



Before Reading

- What might the word solitary mean?
- What animals do you know that live in groups?
- What animals spend most of their time alone?



During Reading

- What does solitary mean for the animals in this book?
- What clues helped you decide?
- What group names do you notice in the book?



After Reading

- Would you rather spend most of your time with a group or alone? Why?
- How might an animal feel or behave when it lives alone?
- Do solitary animals survive well by themselves? What from the book supports your answer?

Extending the Book with Additional Reading

Choose a children's book about a solitary animal, such as a tiger, polar bear, sloth, or pangolin. If a physical book is not available, use the online library to find an age-appropriate option.



Tiger



Polar Bear



Sloth



Pangolin



Talk About These Questions

- 1 Does this animal hunt or find food better alone or with others?
- 2 What advantage does it have living alone?
- 3 What challenge might it face?



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Extending the Book with Writing

Compare one solitary animal with one group-living animal. Use books you have read and record notes together.

Compare Two Animal Lives

1. Read about one solitary animal and one group-living animal.
2. Record three interesting facts about each animal.
3. Find three differences and three similarities.
4. Create a diagram to compare how they live. Discuss what you notice.

Solitary Animal

Both

Group-Living Animal



Extending the Book with Math

Materials: paper and pencil.

Animal Group Math

1. Six prides have five lions each. How many lions are there?
2. One parliament has 17 owls. How many owls are in three parliaments?
3. Six pods have 10 dolphins each. How many dolphins are there?

Challenge



Nine swarms have 30 bees each. How many bees are there?



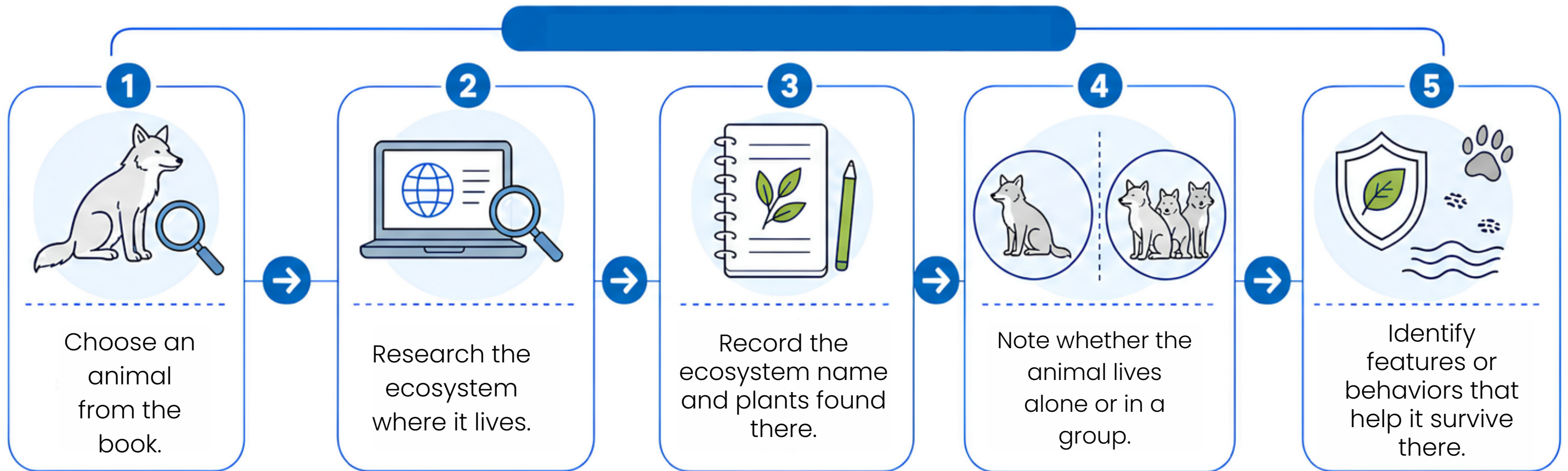
Extending the Book with Science



Learn how an animal's ecosystem supports it.



Materials: paper, pencil, colored pencils or markers, a book, and internet access.



Think

Together



How does this ecosystem meet the animal's needs?



Extending the Book with Social Studies

Animals live in ecosystems all around the world, from deserts to tundra and from the sky to the ocean. Explore how climate and resources shape where animals live.

Materials: an electronic device with internet access.

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1 Open the Animals Around the World map.

2 Choose three animals from different regions.

3 Read about each animal and its ecosystem.

4 Compare the climate, resources, and survival features.

Questions



What is the climate like?



What resources are available?



How do the animal's features help it survive?



What might happen in a different climate?



Extending the Book with Art



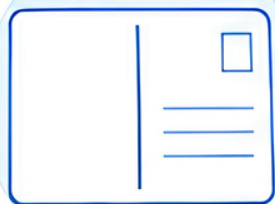
Materials: paper, pencil, colored pencils or markers, a book, and internet access. Create an ecosystem postcard about an animal you studied.

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Choose an animal from your science activity.

2



Divide the paper into a postcard front and back.

3



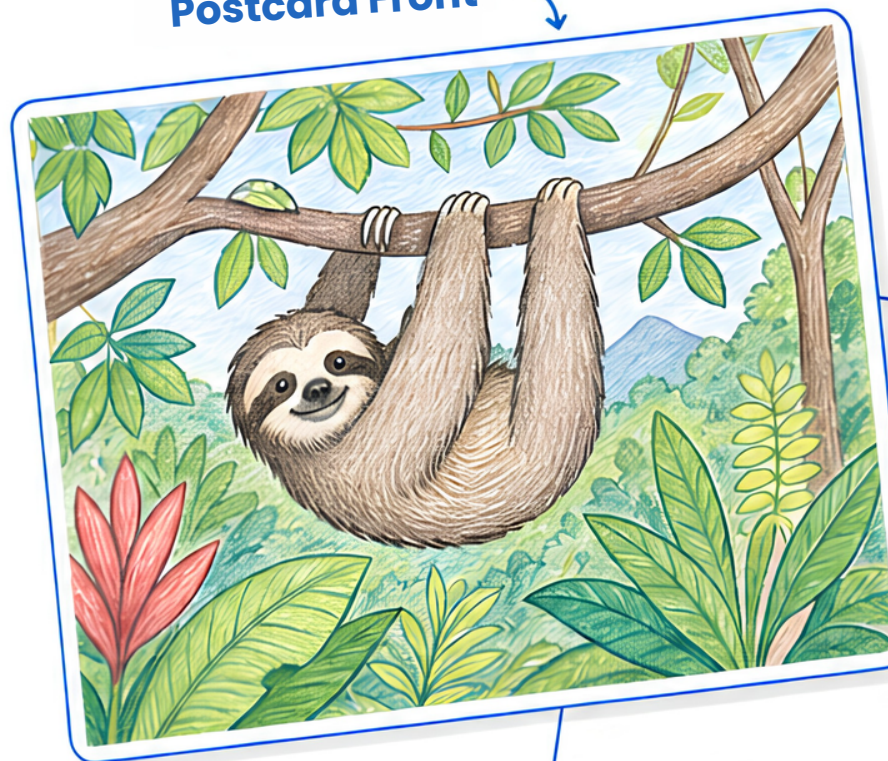
On the front, draw the animal in its ecosystem. Include the ecosystem name and plants. If it lives in a group, show the group.

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On the back, write a message encouraging a family member or friend to visit the animal's home.

Postcard Front



Postcard Back



Share your animal's world through art!





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