

# Where is Wild to YOU?

Wilderness means different things to different people. What does wilderness mean to you? Is it a wooded mountain? A watery marsh? The woodlands at the edge of a farm? A city park? Could wilderness be all of these?

**Share what "wild" means to you. Here are some suggestions!**

- Write an extended definition of the word "wilderness" or the word "wild." Your teacher will explain what an extended definition is.
- Write a first-person narrative about an experience you had in a "wilderness" setting. A camping trip? A family hike? A quiet moment by a stream in the woods? A time when you watched the birds (and the squirrels!) at your bird feeder?
- Write a paragraph about what wilderness means to you.
- Write a poem. You may write a rhyming poem or a free-form poem. Your teacher will help you brainstorm for ideas.
- Draw a picture. Choose a habitat you would find in the Southeast - a forest or a marsh, for instance. Select some animals from "My Neck of the Woods" for your habitat. If you draw your habitat on poster board, you could cut out pictures of animals and glue or paste them in the habitat. Ask your classmates to identify the animals in your picture.
- Use your computer skills to create a slide show or to create an original drawing of "Wild."

Some fun with words! Try these with a partner or by yourself!

## Acrostic Poems

Begin each line with a letter in the word. Try these! Use a separate sheet of paper

W	_____
I	_____
L	_____
D	_____
E	_____
R	_____
N	_____
E	_____
S	_____
S	_____

R	_____
E	_____
D	_____
W	_____
O	_____
L	_____
F	_____

C	_____
A	_____
N	_____
I	_____
S	_____
R	_____
U	_____
F	_____
U	_____
S	_____

P	_____
R	_____
E	_____
D	_____
A	_____
T	_____
O	_____
R	_____

Can you think of some other words?

## Diamante Poems

Choose words that mean the opposite of one another or that can be contrasted. Write the poem in a "diamond" shape using the model below.

Red Wolf
_____
_____
_____
_____
Gray Wolf

<b>Noun</b>	
2 adjectives	} Red wolf
3 verbs ending in "ing"	
3 verbs ending in "ing"	} Gray wolf
2 adjectives	
Noun	

More Ideas?	Predator/Prey	Wild/Domestic	Wilderness/Civilization	Parent/Pup	Living/Extinct
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