

Common Writing Assignment: Science



Could an African dwarf frog survive in a fiddler crab habitat?

A fourth grade class is learning about animals and their habitats. They have set up two habitats -- one for the African dwarf frog and another for the fiddler crab. Their teacher asks,

“If I put an African dwarf frog into our fiddler crab habitat, could it survive?”

Using what you have learned from your work in class, explain whether an African dwarf frog can survive in the fiddler crab habitat.
Use evidence to support your claim and explain your reasoning.



Don't Forget to...

Plan your writing using an outline, web or graphic organizer. As you write each draft of your assignment, it's important to use what you know as a writer to communicate your ideas effectively.

- ✓ Provide a clear claim that answers the question.
- ✓ Include evidence -- using data from class activities, experiments and other resources.
- ✓ Include reasoning to show how your evidence supports your claim.
- ✓ Use vocabulary that you have learned in science class.
- ✓ Check for grammar, punctuation, and spelling errors.