

## Common Writing Assignment: Science



### Is it living?

A group of students were asked to classify things as “living” or “nonliving.” They were asked to consider the following things:

Butterfly	Fire
Mushroom	Tree
Sun	Hibernating Bear
Seed	Tornado



Write a paper that makes a claim about which of these things are living. Use evidence to support your claim and explain your reasoning. Be sure to include why the other things are nonliving.

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### 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.