Curriculum Materials

Taxonomy What’s in a Name?

Writing Assignment

Writing Situation:

When scientists discover a new species it is important that they give it a scientific name, figure out to what other species it is related, and share the discovery details with their peers. These details could include things such as where it was found, what kind of habitat it lives in, what it eats, what eats it, how it behaves, and other patterns of its life. Imagine you have discovered a new species. Make up an appropriate, yet creative, scientific name.

Directions:
Before you begin writing, think about the important things you should share about your discovery with other scientists and any citizens who are interested. Now write and explain the important aspects of your scientific discovery, as if you plan to publish in a magazine or journal.