

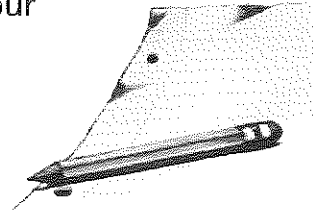
WRITING FORMS

Research Report: Prewriting

A **research report** uses facts and details from outside sources to inform readers about a topic.

Prewriting

- First, choose a topic for your research report.
- Then do research about your topic. Jot down notes on index cards.
- Using your notes, make an outline to organize your report. Each main topic in your outline will be a paragraph in your report.



Outline

I. Bald eagle

- A. Called "America's bird"
- B. Seen on pictures, coins, flags

II. Threats to bald eagles

- A. Hurt by use of pesticide called DDT
- B. Disappeared in some parts of U.S.
- C. EPA - only 412 pairs in U.S. in 1950

III. How bald eagles were saved

- A. Listed as endangered in 1967
- B. Government banned DDT
- C. About 115,000 eagles in U.S. by 1990s
- D. Taken off endangered list in 2007

Name _____

Follow your teacher's directions to complete the activity.



Outline

I. _____

 A. _____

 B. _____

 C. _____

II. _____

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III. _____

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 B. _____

 C. _____



On a separate sheet of paper, create an outline like the one above. Then outline the main ideas and supporting facts and details that you will use in a report about an endangered animal.



On a separate sheet of paper, prewrite an outline for a research report. You can also use what you have learned to improve an old outline.

Lesson 24
READER'S NOTEBOOK

Name _____

Date _____

Owen & Mzee
Independent Reading

Owen & Mzee

Trip to Haller Park

You are a scientist visiting Haller Park to find out more about hippos and tortoises. Take a close look at the following pages: 720 (to find out about where Owen lives), 722 (to find out what the animals eat and how they behave), 724 (for facts about tortoises and hippos).

Based on what you have read, write field notes about your observations. Remember that you are a scientist, so you want to focus on facts. What do you observe?

Lesson 24

READER'S NOTEBOOK

Name

Date

Owen & Mzee

Independent Reading

You focused on the facts—now how about your opinion? Your friends are not sure if they want to make the long trip to Haller Park to see Owen and Mzee. Should they visit? Why or why not? Write a postcard to a friend. Explain why Haller Park is—or is not—a great place to visit!