

The Beauty of Ugly

Ode to an Ugly Animal Poem Organizer

Name of the animal you have chosen for your poem: _____

Tips

- Find a photograph of the animal so that you can look at it while you are creating your poem.
- Write words that describe what it is like where this animal lives.
- What does this animal eat?
- Do any animals eat this animal? What are they?
- Write words that describe this animal's body parts.
- Write words that describe this animal's special skills.

Writing the poem

- Line 1: I am a (name of animal).
- Line 2: Three words, or sets of words, that tell what the animal looks like.
- Line 3: A sentence that tells what is good about the words in line.
- Line 4: A sentence that says something bad about animal's looks, but shows that it really is a good thing. Use the word "but" to link the two parts of the sentence.
- Line 5: Three words, or sets of words, that tell what the animal eats, or does with its body.
- Line 6: A sentence that tells what is good about the words in line 5.
- Line 7: A sentence that says something bad about animal's looks, but shows that it really is a good thing. Use the word "but" to link the two parts of the sentence.
- Line 8: Three words, or sets of words, that tell what the animal looks like.
- Line 9: End with something along the idea of this: "Pretty or not, I'm a (insert animal's name).

Sample Poem

I am a Wart hog
Wart sacks, hard head, rubbery snout,
Hey leopard! Just try to bite my head.
People hate my warts, but they protect my eyes and mouth.
Grass, Bulbs, Roots,
My shovel-shaped mouth makes eating them a breeze.
People think my tusks are tacky, but they keep me safe.
Big tusks, hair-less skin, tiny eyes
Pretty or not I'm a wart hog.

Use this space to write your poem.