

Investigating the Past

Benchmark Unit 7 Homework Project

Throughout this unit, you have been reading informational texts, poems, and primary sources about people and events from the past. For homework, you will write an expository essay about an **animal** that lived long ago.

Please choose an extinct animal that lived long ago. Gather information by going to the library, researching online, or finding books that teach you about your animal. Then, write an expository essay to teach your readers about the animal. Be prepared to read your essay for your classmates!

Think About...

- Describing the animal
- What kind of habitat did the animal live in?
- When and where did the animal live?
- How did it defend itself?
- What caused the animal to become extinct?
- How have we been able to learn about it if it lived long ago?

Don't forget to include an introduction, accurate information from your sources, and a conclusion.

You will be provided with:

- Cover Page: Include a title and drawing of your animal.
- Lined writing paper

DUE DATE: Friday, March 20th

