Your Name:
December 2016 - January 2017
Your Animal:

AQUARIUM ANIMAL RESEARCH REPORT OUTLINE

REQUIRED SECTIONS FOR THE WRITTEN REPORT:

1. **Introduction**:
   - Share one interesting fact that will get your reader's attention and make them want to read further

   - Why did you choose your animal?

2. **Characteristics**:
   - Body covering. What it looks like. Does it have fur, scales, fins, webbed feet, teeth, a beak, legs, tentacles, etc.??? What color is it?

   - Size. What is the average length, width, weight of your animal when it is an adult?

   - Classification. Is your animal a mammal? Is it a fish? Is it an invertebrate (no backbone) or vertebrate (has a backbone)?

3. **Life Cycle:**
   - Life span. How long does it live in the wild (not in captivity)?

   - Reproduction. Does your animal lay eggs or have a live birth? How many young does it have?

- Animal parenting. Does your animal take care of its young? If so, how? If not, what happens to the young?

4. **Conservation Status:**
   - Population: Approximately how many of your animals are there in the wild?

   - Is it endangered, threatened, or on a “watch” or “protection” list? If so, explain why. If not, say that it isn’t.

5. **Habitat**:
   - Where does it live in the ocean? *Be descriptive*. For instance, does it live on the sandy bottom, coral reef, open ocean, deep ocean, along the shore, divided between the shore and water?

6. **Location/Distribution:**
   - Where does it live in the world? Examples: the Giant Spider Crab can only be found in the Pacific Ocean, around Japan. Other animals can be found in all the oceans of the world. Some animals migrate.

7. **Conclusion:**
   - What did you think of the trip to the Aquarium of the Pacific? What did you like best?

   - What are some final thoughts you want to share about your animal? Make sure you summarize your report here.

8. **Bibliography:**

- Record your sources
  - Remember to make the websites linkable.
  - If it is a book, underline the title and include the author's name
  - If it is an article in a magazine, include the name of the magazine (in italics) and the title of the article (in quotes), as well as the name of the author.
  - If it is information from the AOP, include a brief description.