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# Beast or Fowl

## Background

The parts of an animal's body are well suited to each animal's environment. For instance, a fish has gills and fins to survive in the water. A monkey has hand-like paws to use for gathering and eating food. If you could build a new animal from scratch, what features would you give him to be a super animal that could survive any environment? Mix and match the heads, bodies, and tails of these zoo animals!

## Objectives

The student will identify various animal body parts and their functions.

The student will design an imaginary animal suited to a particular environment.

The student will use creative writing skills to describe an imaginary animal.

## The Trip

**Activity One:** Survival of the Fittest

**Key Question:** Can you create an animal that has the features to survive anywhere in the world?

**Activity Two:** Animals of the World

**Key Question:** What animals live in Africa?

**Teacher's Note:** This lesson requires the FLASH plug-in.

## Focus Web Site

The Switcheroo Zoo

Go to <http://www.teachercreated.com/books/3812>

Click on page 110, site 1

## Companion Web Sites

<http://www.teachercreated.com/books/3812>

Animals of the World

Click on page 110, site 2

Animals of Africa

Click on page 110, site 3

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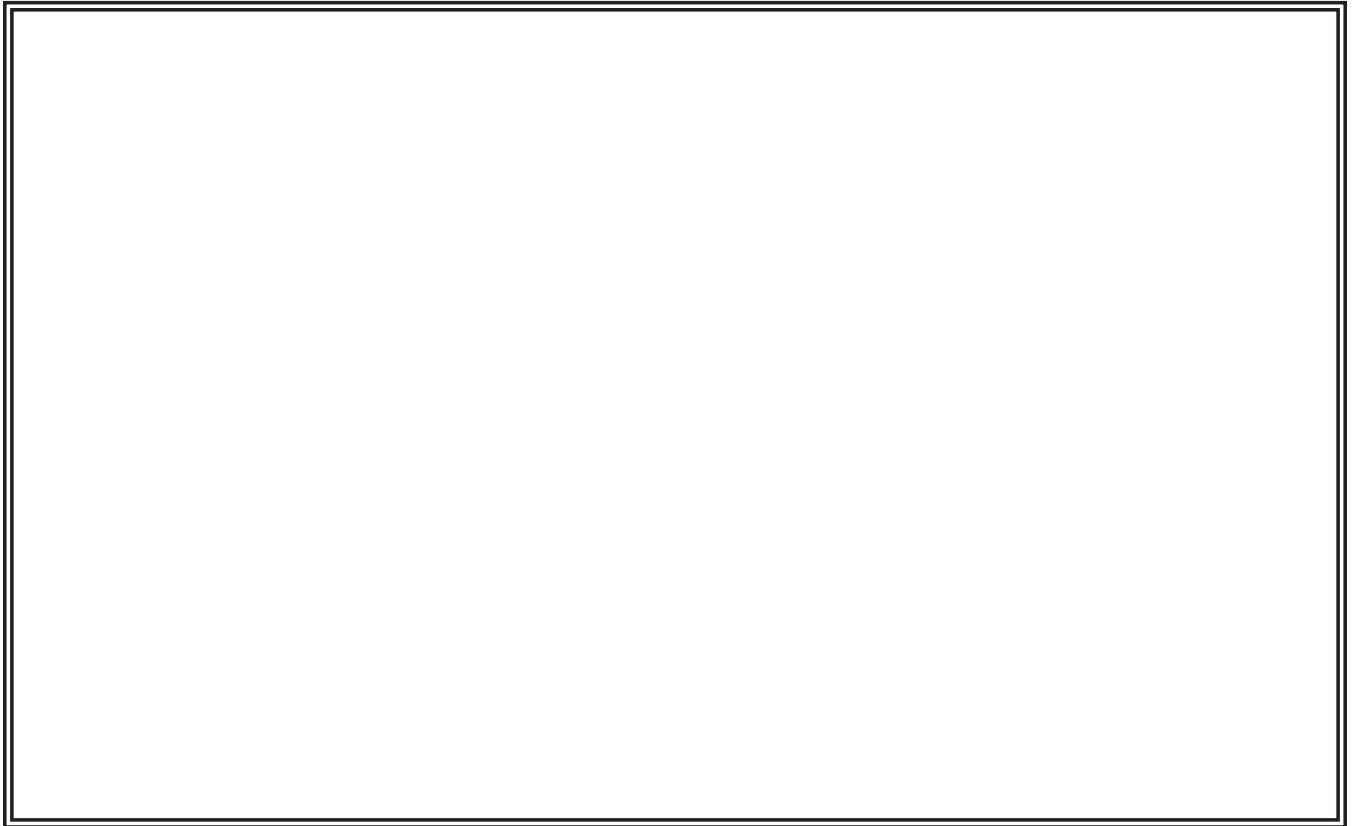
# Survival of the Fittest

<http://www.teachercreated.com/books/3812> Click on page 111, site 1

**Key Question:** Can you create an animal that has the features to survive anywhere in the world?

**Directions:** Combine different parts of real animals to make the perfect beast. What will you call him? What will this animal eat? How will this animal move? What kind of noise will it make? Who are its enemies? Who is afraid of this animal? Where does it live?

1. Draw a picture of your animal. Label the parts of its body.



2. Write a description or short story about your animal.

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# Animals of the World

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**Key Question:** What animals live in Africa?

**Directions:** Chances are, you will never see any of these African animals in your backyard! Look at the pictures of these beautiful animals. Choose two of your favorites and read more about them. In the spaces below, create two trading cards. The front of each card should be a color picture of the animal. The back of the card should give any information you think would be interesting to someone trading that card.

Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Animal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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