Synthesis Paper

• 8-10 pages (~7 refs)

• Examples:
  • Adaptations for aquatic environments
  • Ecology and Ungulates (horns, fighting, social groups)
  • Adaptations to bipedalism
  • Maternal care in mammals

• Can use textbook and primary literature
WHAT TO DOCUMENT

if you:
• quote it verbatim,
• summarize a passage in your own words without quoting it,
• borrow wording as well as ideas from a passage (paraphrasing),
• cite somebody's opinion,
• paraphrase an argument or opinion that is not generally known,
• cite information or statistics that are not generally known,
• allude to statements not generally known

• Use APA style (http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/citmanage/apa)
• For websites see (http://www.lib.wsc.ma.edu/webapa.htm)
• Start with an Introduction – introducing the topic generally, why it is important and then specifically identify the interesting topics united in the paper

• The body of the paper should include specific accounts from mammals

• The conclusion should summarize the overarching theme and then discuss why this topic is important from a broader perspective (ie. Evolution, application, management, conservation, health, etc.)