



**21st Century Learning
Passports Adventures in Learning
All About Skunks
Curriculum Guide grades 3-5**

Description of the Passport:

How far can a skunk spray? Why are skunks black and white? Why do skunks do handstands? Are skunks dangerous to people? If you would like to know the answers to these questions, or any questions you may have about skunks, then this Passport is for you! Join Mr. B, Public Educator at the Phoenix Zoo, to learn about the amazing and unique skunk.

Learning Activities:

Activity #1:

Create a diagram comparing the size and color of each of the three kinds of skunks found in the United States.

Activity #2:

Draw or paint a picture of a skunk in its natural habitat.

Activity #3:

Research skunks and create an interesting facts sheet about them.

Activity #4:

If you were a skunk, what would your “grocery list” look like?

Activity #5

Draw or paint a picture of two of the skunk’s predators. (Yes, skunks do have predators!)



Challenge Questions:

1. Where are skunks found in the world?
2. What are the three species of skunks found in the United States?
3. Do skunks hibernate? If not, how do they conserve their energy in the winter?
4. Why do skunks do handstands?
5. Why do skunks spray? How far can they spray?
6. What do skunks eat?
7. Do skunks have any predators? If so, what are they?
8. Why are skunks black and white?

Recommended books:

1. "Welcome to the World of Skunks" by Diane Swanson
2. "Skunks" by Patricia Whitehouse
3. "Skunks" by Adrienne Mason

Recommended websites:

1. www.wildlifesearch.com
2. www.animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu
3. www.animals.nationalgeographic.com

