

# Zoo Roundup Teachers Guide

This interactive activity is designed to stimulate and promote thought by using taxonomic classification principles to sort and group animals based on individual characteristics. There are two ways that this lesson can be used.

- 1) **Webquest:** Zoo Roundup was created using the information from the Ranger Rick Field guides on the yahooligans website. (<http://www.yahooligans.com/content/animals/>)
  - a) If you wish to continue to use this as a web quest, hand out the following activity and send the students to the website. All the answers can be found there.
  - b) Students do the activity as individuals or groups depending on the school's resources.
  
- 2) **Interactive Activity:** If you do not have access to computers, or you may wish to use it as a classroom discussion.
  - a) Pass out the handout and as a class group each of the animals, discussing the characteristics that each one has and why they are grouped into each category.

## Teachers Answer Key

### **Terrestrial Mammals**

Polar Bear  
Big Brown Bat  
Mountain Lion  
African Elephant

### **Aquatic Mammals**

Bottlenose Dolphin  
Manatee  
Grey Whale

### **Fish**

Great White Shark  
Large Mouth Bass -  
Great Barracuda -

### **Birds**

Ruby Throated Hummingbirds -  
Barn Owl  
Bald Eagle  
Brown Pelican

### **Reptiles**

American Alligator  
Desert Iguana  
Western Diamondback Rattlesnake  
Red Eared Slider