

**Grade 8 WRITING****Writing Topic:**

People have different viewpoints about whether animals, including endangered animals, should live in the wild or in man-made environments. Write an argument whether any animal should be kept in a controlled environment, such as zoos or nature parks. Be sure to state a claim and address an opposing claim using evidence presented in both passages.

Before you begin planning and writing your response, read the two passages:

- 1. "The Impact of Animal Protection"**
- 2. "Do Animals Lose in Zoos?"**

The Impact of Animal Protection

- 1 Throughout history, human activities have changed or destroyed the habitats that animals need to survive. One of these activities has been the construction of roads and buildings in areas that were once wild. Building in these areas has destroyed animal homes, food, or water supplies. People have also cut down trees for lumber, which has destroyed the homes of animals living in those trees. Likewise people have hunted animals for their meat, fur, or other body parts. In addition, pollution caused by humans has affected some of the places that animals live.
- 2 Due to animals habitats being disturbed as well as other reasons, scientists and researchers track animals in the wild to see if their numbers are changing. When an animal's numbers decrease until they are at risk of disappearing completely, they may be classified as threatened or endangered. When there are no more of the species left in the world, they are classified as extinct. As some animals become extinct, other animals are affected. Because some human activities can have a negative impact on animals, many people believe that animals must be protected.
- 3 One way that people have tried to protect animals from extinction is to establish nature parks and sanctuaries. People cannot build or hunt in those areas, and rangers are there to watch over the animals. The public is often allowed to enjoy these animals by driving through the reserves and viewing the animals in a wide-open atmosphere.
- 4 Many nature parks have programs that keep animals in protected places. By putting them in controlled environments, the animals can live safely,



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and their numbers can increase through supervised breeding programs. However, in these environments animals many times cannot choose their own mates as they do when living in the wild. Issues with this type of forced breeding have been seen in zoos when a male and female fail to have offspring.

- 5 In man-made animal habitats, animals are fed on a regular schedule, receive medical care, and are protected from predators and hunters. The goal is to properly care for animals that may not survive in the wild. After time though, some of these animals may be released back into their wild habitats. However, if not handled properly, this release can be dangerous for animals since they will now be forced to hunt for prey and use their instincts and survival skills once again.
- 6 Keeping animals protected has proven to be beneficial and increase the populations of endangered animals. These programs have helped bring several animals—black-footed ferrets, California condors, red wolves, golden lion tamarins, and others—back from near extinction over the last 30 years.
- 7 Despite saving animals that were close to extinction, protecting animals in a controlled environment is not always the best plan. When animals are in these environments, they are isolated from other animals, their ability to hunt and their natural diet is limited, and the space they have to roam is decreased. In the wild, animals share their territory with other species, and the idea of survival of the fittest is very apparent. When animals are taken out of the wild, the innate instincts they have to survive are suppressed and, in some cases, completely gone.
- 8 By allowing endangered animals to live in a protected environment, animals are able to reproduce and be saved from extinction, but it is not a catchall to resolve all of the issues when protecting animals. For those that are released into the wild, the hope is that they can relearn how to find food and take care of themselves. Even though nature parks are trying to mimic the wild, they are not able to do that completely.



Do Animals Lose in Zoos?

- 1 Zoos have been around for centuries. In the past, zoos were a simple collection of animals in cages. Many animals in early zoos were diseased and treated poorly. Zoos today are very different. Modern zoos pride themselves as centers for scientific study and research. They focus on animal welfare and are on a mission to educate people about animals and protect the animals in the wild.
- 2 Animals in zoos live longer than animals in the wild. They are well fed, protected from predators, and treated by veterinarians. Seeing majestic animals in a controlled environment creates a sense of amazement and wonder. A study published by the National Science Foundation actually shows that visiting a zoo changes a person's attitude toward animals. If people are not able to see the animals, they will not be inspired to protect them.
- 3 However, critics of the modern zoo compare the zoo to a prison. Animals need room to climb, fly, swim, roam, or run. They need room to live a healthy life. When animals are confined in small spaces, it has a negative impact on their behavior and health. Polar bears have been observed swimming in circles. Parrots have groomed themselves until they have no feathers left. Big cats have been seen endlessly pacing. When animals are not behaving as they normally would in the wild, visitors are not observing natural behaviors.
- 4 Zoos spend millions of dollars to create bigger and better animal enclosures in order to improve the conditions for the animals. Zoos also help to raise millions of dollars to support conservation projects in Africa and Asia. Some of the money is used to create sanctuaries to help protect animals in their natural environment. Although animals should be protected in these nature preserves, some countries do not cooperate. They do not enforce penalties for illegal hunting of protected animals.
- 5 Nevertheless, not all zoos are created the same. Many organizations, like PETA, oppose zoos because the "homes" made for zoo animals meet only their basic needs. Even with man-made areas to fly, swim, climb, and explore, animals are still restricted in their behavior. These groups feel that zoos and even wildlife parks show cruelty against animals that would thrive so much better if they were allowed to live in the wild and be free.
- 6 More often than not, zoos cater to what people want to see. That usually means something large, charismatic, or cute is selected to live in a zoo and be on display. Another attraction to zoos is to see baby animals. In order to get more business, some zoos initiate a breeding program to have babies be on display more frequently. This leads to a surplus of animals at



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the zoo. Zoo enclosures are made for a certain amount of animals, so this overpopulation, even with babies, makes for crowding and a less than ideal living situation for the animals.

- 7 Supporters of keeping animals out of zoos and nature parks, feel it is better for wild animals to live in a natural environment so they can hunt and eat a natural, varied diet. It has been shown that in the wild, animals interact with other species of animals which promotes natural behaviors. Wild animals roam over long distances in search of a mate, food, or water. Also many animals are a part of a social group or live in communities. Living within a community allows them to interact normally and create a social order where a dominant animal can emerge. Living in a zoo or protected environment can restrict all of these innate or inborn behaviors.
- 8 It is true that many of today's zoos are more than just a place to see animals. They have programs to protect endangered species from extinction. Visitors to zoos, or those planning a visit, should also realize that some situations they see are not the best environment for the animals they are planning to see. There are benefits to having zoos, but there are still negative impacts to animal's lives. Perhaps the best way to help animals is to protect them in zoos for a short time and release them back into nature while they still are wild animals.

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OCCT Grade 8 Oklahoma C³ Standards Writing Rubric

Transitional

Most notations are aligned to the Common Core State Standards and are to be read as follows: 8 (grade level), W (Writing standard,) L (Language standard), and number/letter (objective).

	Argument	Informative	Narrative
Score	IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENT		
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is appropriate for audience and purpose. (8.W.4) The writer addresses the prompt with a fully developed argument using relevant, compelling claim(s) and counterclaim(s), accurate text-based evidence, and logical reasoning. (8.W.1.b) The writer quotes and paraphrases evidence avoiding plagiarism. (8.W.8) Writer expresses an insightful perspective towards the topic.(from prior SDE rubric) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is appropriate for audience and purpose. (8.W.4) Topic is clear and fully developed using relevant text-based facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other examples. (8.W.2.b) The writer quotes and paraphrases evidence avoiding plagiarism. (8.W.8) Topic is consistently sustained throughout the composition. (from prior SDE rubric) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is appropriate for audience and purpose. (8.W.4) A real or imagined story or experience with a narrator and characters is fully developed using descriptive details. (8.W.3) A context and point of view are clearly defined. (8.W.3.a) Narrative techniques such as dialogue and description are used effectively to develop experiences, events, and/or characters. (8.W.3.b)
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is largely appropriate for audience and purpose. The writer addresses the prompt with a partially developed argument using claim(s) and counterclaim(s), text-based evidence, and reasoning. The writer attempts to quote and paraphrase evidence. Writer sustains a perspective though most of the argument. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is largely appropriate for audience and purpose. Topic is stated and partially developed using text-based facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other examples. The writer attempts to quote and paraphrase evidence. Topic is sustained throughout the composition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is largely appropriate for audience and purpose. A real or imagined story or experience with a narrator or characters is adequately developed using some details. A context and point of view are present. Some narrative techniques such as dialogue and description are evident.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is limited for audience and purpose. The writer addresses the prompt with an insufficient argument with claim(s) and counterclaims (s), and limited use of text-based evidence, and reasoning. The writer does not attempt to quote or paraphrase evidence. Writer has difficulty expressing or sustaining a perspective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is limited for audience and purpose. Topic may be inferred and has limited development using weak text-based facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other examples. The writer does not attempt to quote or paraphrase evidence. Writer does not sustain the topic throughout the composition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is limited for audience and purpose. A real or imagined story or experience with a narrator or characters is minimally developed with few details. A context and point of view may not be clearly defined. Narrative techniques may be minimally used.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is inappropriate for audience and purpose. Writer’s response to the prompt is not developed. Little evidence is elicited from the text. Writer has little or no perspective. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is inappropriate for audience and purpose. Topic is unclear and is not developed. Little evidence is elicited from the text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The content is inappropriate for audience and purpose. A real or imagined story or situation is not developed. A context and point of view are missing. Narrative techniques are missing.

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	Opinion	Informative	Narrative
	ORGANIZATION, UNITY, AND COHERENCE		
Score 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction presents a clear topic and establishes the argument. (8.W.1.a) • Sustained focus on content and structure (prior SDE rubric) • Reasons and information that support the writer’s purpose are logically ordered. (8.W.1.a) • Transitions between ideas are coherent and link reasons. (8.W.1.c) • A formal style is established and maintained. (8.W.1.d) • Conclusion is compelling and supports the opinion. (8.W.1.e) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction is engaging and presents a clear topic. (prior SDE rubric and 8.W.2.a) • Text-based facts, details, and examples are presented in a well-executed progression. (8.W.2.b) • Transitions are appropriate and clearly link ideas. (8.W.2.c) • A formal style is established and maintained. (8.W.2.e) • Conclusion clearly flows from the information presented. (8.W.2.f) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction engages and orients the reader. (prior SDE rubric and 8.W.3.a) • Well-structured event sequence unfolds in a natural and logical manner and moves the reader through the story or experience. (8.W.3.a) • A variety of transitions signal shifts in time and settings and show relationships among experiences and events. (8.W.3.c) • Conclusion naturally flows from narrated experiences and events. (8.W.3.e)
Score 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction presents a topic and an argument. • Focus on content and structure • Reasons and information that support the writer’s purpose are partially ordered. • Transitions support and link reasons. • A formal style is established but may be inconsistent. • Conclusion is satisfying and supports the argument. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and topic are evident. • Text-based facts, details, and examples are presented in a logical progression. • Transitions link ideas. • A formal style is established but may be inconsistent. • Conclusion is apparent and relates to the information presented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction interests and orients the reader. • Event sequence is logical and moves the reader through the story or experience. • Transitions signal shifts in time and settings, and show relationships among experiences and events. • Conclusion follows from narrated experiences and events.
Score 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction does not present a clear topic or argument. • Lack of focus on content and structure is evident. • Reasons and information that support the writer’s purpose are ordered in random progression. • Transitions are limited and do not link reasons. • A formal style may be attempted. • Conclusion is incomplete with little support for the argument. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction is incomplete and topic is not clearly stated. • Some text-based facts, details, and examples are presented randomly. • Transitions are limited and fail to link ideas. • A formal style may be attempted. • Conclusion is incomplete with little support of the information presented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction may leave the reader with questions. • Event sequence is unclear or limited which makes it difficult for the reader to follow the story or experience. • Ineffective transitions are used. • Conclusion may be missing or irrelevant. • Lacks logical direction.
Score 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks logical direction. • No evidence of organizational structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks logical direction. • No evidence of organizational structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacks logical direction. • No evidence of organizational structure

All Modes Grades 5 and 8			
	<u>WORD CHOICE</u>	<u>SENTENCES AND PARAGRAPHS</u>	<u>GRAMMAR, USAGE, AND MECHANICS</u>
Score 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are demonstrated effectively. (5.L.5 and 8.L.5) Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific vocabulary are used effectively to clearly convey ideas. (5.L.6 and 8.L.6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rich variety of sentence structure, type, and length (prior SDE rubric and 5.L.3.a) Few, if any, fragments or run-ons (prior SDE rubric) Evidence of appropriate paragraphing (prior SDE rubric) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. (5.L.1, 5.L.2 and 8.L.1 and 8.L.2) Errors are minor and do not affect readability. (prior SDE rubric)
Score 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are demonstrated. Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific vocabulary are used to convey ideas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variety of sentence structure, type, and length Few fragments or run-ons Evidence of paragraphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Errors may be more noticeable but do not significantly affect readability.
Score 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are limited. Concrete words and phrase, sensory details, and domain-specific vocabulary are limited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited variety of sentence structure, type, and length Several fragments or run-ons Little or no attempt at paragraphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates limited command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Errors may be distracting and interfere with readability.
Score 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are not evident. Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific words are lacking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No clear sentence structure Many fragments or run-ons Little or no attempt at paragraphing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates little or no command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. Errors are numerous and severely impede readability.

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I think only the endangered species should be kept in a controlled environment. If a certain species of animal is at, or over a certain number then that species should go back to the wild. An endangered species should be kept in a safe, controlled environment long enough to get that species back up to a safe number. Like for example. Two species of rhino in South Africa, One has 400-500 left and the other has 15,000-20,000 left. After a big sand storm. I would put the species with the lowest amount in a national park or zoo until their numbers increase. After their numbers have

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Why animals should live in zoos. My ~~three~~ reasons are to learn about them, they are cute, and if they are endangered. In this ~~essay~~ I will explain to you that zoos are a good place to keep animals.

My first reason is to learn about them. We need to learn how they behave in a manmade habitats. We can also find out what they like to do.

My next reason why animals should live in zoos or wildlife refuges is they are cute when they are baby's they are really adorable. when they play it's some much fun to watch them running around. My third and final reason

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is if they are endangered. Zoos can save them from extinction because we may never see them on the face of the earth again. Zoos protect them from hunters.

These are the reasons why zoos and wild life refuges are good place for animals to be at

ID Score Point 2-

The content is limited for audience and purpose. The writer addresses the prompt with an insufficient argument with claim (s) and limited use of text-based evidence, and reasoning. General references to the text. "We need to learn how they behave in man-made habitats." "My next reason why animals should live in zoos or wildlife refuges is they are cute when they are baby's they are really adorable." (reference to zoos catering to what people want to see) "My third and final reason is if they are endangered." No counter claims. The writer does not attempt to quote or paraphrase evidence.

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In my opinion, I think animals should be kept in the wild. ~~If they~~ are put into zoos or nature parks, their life could come crashing down. People who love animals wouldn't want to see their favorite animals in this kind of state, would they? Putting animals in zoos or nature parks, is like forcing us humans to be in a world where we have no control or power over anything. I think animals should live in the wild.

I have many reasons for this opinion. One, animals would be able to have a regular or natural diet of different types. Two, they would have more space to roam around instead of being in a contained space where they

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are isolated from others of their species. Three, these animals will get to pick their own mate. Four, they will be able to be part of a social group with other animals. Lastly, the animal's behavior will be more positive as studies show.

In the end, I strongly believe that animals should live in the wilderness. Yes, if they lived in a zoo or a nature park, a vet would nurse them if they are injured, but that's not enough for them! They need more space, a good natural, varied diet, the ability to pick their own mates, and to be part of a social group. If they lived in zoos, nature parks, they wouldn't get these things. This is why I think animals should live in the wild.

ID Score Point 2

The content is limited for audience and purpose.

The writer addresses the prompt with an insufficient argument ("In my opinion, I think animals should be kept in the wild")

Limited text-based evidence. Four basic arguments for living in the wild, that do not use the text to provide evidence.

Limited counter claim. "Yes, if they lived in a zoo or a nature park, a vet would nurse them if they are injured, but that's not enough for them!"

The writer does not attempt to quote, and limited paraphrase evidence.



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Did you know that going to a zoo can brighten your mood? Well it can. Zoos and wildlife reserves can ~~save~~ an endangered species, help give a safe environment for animals, keep hunting down on a certain animals, and can raise population in species. Zoos should keep animals.

First many wildlife reserves and zoos are making it possible to save endangered species. Take the black-footed ferret for example, the ferrets were becoming extinct and zoos and wildlife reserves helped stop that extinction. The same with the California condor, the red wolf, and Golden lion tamarins.

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Next, zoos try to provide the best possible environment for their animals. They spend millions of dollars building and renovating zoos to keep what is best for the animals.

Lastly, zoos can make it possible to raise population in different animals through the breeding program. Raising the population could very well save a species from extinction.

Even though zoos can put harm on the animals, they can save more animals than they could harm. Zoos do too many good things for animals.

In conclusion, zoos and wildlife reserves can save species, give a safe environment, keep hunting to a minimum, and raise population in species. That is why zoos should have animals in them.

ID Score Point 2+

The content is limited for audience and purpose.

The writer addresses the prompt with an insufficient argument and limited ideas and development.

Attempts to quote and paraphrase. "Take the black-footed ferret for example, the ferrets were becoming extinct and zoos and wildlife reserves helped stop that extinction. The same with the California condor, the red wolf, and Golden tamarins."

Weak attempt at counterclaim. "Even though zoos can put harm on the animals..."

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If you were a wild animal would you want to be cramped up in a cage all the time? I know I wouldn't! The animals aren't able to roam free, They are stuck in the same cage, and they are created with the mind set to take care of themselves. As you continue reading, you will read about some reasons I think animals should not be kept in zoos.

First of all, the animals aren't able to roam and walk freely, as they wish to. They have to stay in the certain amount of landscape they are given. Some animals travel from

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place to place in the wild, and they can't do that in a zoo. That might make some animals feel uncertain about where they are. If the animals get to go roam then they feel more wild, but they don't get to in zoos, unlike the wild areas.

Secondly, the cages can be small to some animals like lions and tigers or bears. If you have been to a zoo, you can see that the landscapes are very and somewhat small, so that can cause crowding, especially if a female reproduces. Then there will be even less room. Having a small cage can be hard on animals. It can make them bored, or they will start pacing around, looking for something to do. The animals can get frustrated and get angry very easily. That would not be a good thing for visitors

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to see when they come.

Lastly, animals are born to take care of themselves. In a zoo, they can lose that instinct. Then, if they get released back into the wild, they won't know how to take care of themselves. The animals will get used to the caretakers taking care of them, that they will think they don't have to. It can mess with the animals and risk them of getting killed in the wild.

In conclusion, I think that animals should be kept in the wild. If let's them be able to roam freely, the animals won't be locked up in a crowded cage their whole lives, and all of their instincts will remain intact with the animals. It won't mess up the animals in any way possible, and they can stay wild.

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ID Score Point 3-

The content is largely appropriate for audience and purpose.

The writer addresses the prompt with a partially developed argument using claims, text-based evidence, and reasoning. This paper uses negative information about zoos to support the argument - "I think animals should not be kept in zoos."

The writer attempts to paraphrase evidence.

Writer sustains a perspective through most of the argument.

No counterclaim.

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Should animals live in zoos or man-made environments?

I think yes, they can get better health care, they can reproduce if close to becoming endangered, and they are also protected from predators.

Good health is a key thing to have for any living thing. At zoo's animals can get better health care than they can get out in the wild. Sometimes animals are sent to places like zoo's just for health care and when the animal is strong enough they are sent back to their natural habitat. This information was found in the articles of "The Impact of Animal Protection" and "Do Animals Lose In Zoo's?"

Some indangered animals are rescued and are brought to zoo's so they can reproduce. Animals such as the Black-footed Ferret, California condors, red wolves, and golden lion tamarins were all about to disappear of the earth, but

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thanks to zoo's they are now no longer on the endangered list. This information was also found in the articles of "The Impact of Animal Protection" and "Do Animals Lose In Zoo's?"

Predators are a common problem in the wild. Some animals in the wild were hunted until extinction. Animals in Zoo's or nature parks are protected from hunters. In some areas that's not in zoo's or nature parks it is illegal to hunt any animal with or without a hunting permit. This information was found in the articles of "The Impact of Animal Protection" and "Do Animals Lose In Zoo's?"

Zoo's may not be all the right choice for animals. Zoo's and nature parks are very limited on the amount of space that's given to the animals. People say that they have seen big cats pace around their enclosures, and that polar bears are seen swimming in circles. It may sound bad but all of the "goods" out weigh the bad. All of the information that is used was found in the articles of "The Impact of Animal Protection" and "Do Animals Lose In Zoo's?"

ID Score Point 3

The content is largely appropriate for audience and purpose.

The writer addresses the prompt with a partially developed argument using claim (s) and counterclaims (s) , text-based evidence, and reasoning.

The writer attempts to paraphrase and cite evidence.

Writer sustains a perspective through most of the argument. First paragraph lays out the argument that in a man-made environment the animals can receive better health care, reproduce to prevent extinction, and be protected from predators.

The body of the paper builds on these three ideas paraphrasing evidence from the texts.

Counterclaims in the final paragraph. "Zoos may not be all the right choice for animals. Zoos and nature parks are very limited on the amount of space that's given to the animals. People say that they have seen big cats pace around their enclosures, and that polar bears are seen swimming in circles."

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Animals are a beautiful creation. They create feelings in us that feel natural and poised. We want to protect that, right? Nature reserves and zoos help us do that. In a zoo, animals are given what they require to meet their basic needs. Some people argue that if an animal is kept in a confined space with no other species to interact with, that animal will not behave naturally. It is important that an animal's behavior is on par, but being in the wild can cause many problems. An animal's natural habitat can be severely harmed by human impact. In "The Impact of Animal Protection", it says that the construction of buildings and roads in

wild areas, can harm an animal's lifestyle. When that happens, zoos and nature reserves can help secure the animal with a new home almost exactly like the original. Also, predators such as hunters and poachers, can not hunt for the animals in the zoo. People hunt animals for such things as "meat, fur, or other body parts", as stated in the first article. Zoos and nature parks obviously want what is ultimately best for the animals.

Sickness in animals is another reason conservation of animals in zoos is an effective thing. Many veterinarians are ready to take care of sick animals at a moment's notice. In a zoo, animals get the best medical treatment that they can not get in the wild. Aside from a health program, reproduction efforts is a vital program in zoos and in nature reserves. The zoos breed a male and female species and now there is a little baby running around, which ultimately

with attract more visitors.

Zoos and parks have many conservation programs that may fix, or at least eliminate, some problems with the animals. One of these programs is an effort to decrease endangerment among different species. One of the reasons the zoo breed animals is to keep that species from going extinct. In "Do Animals Lose in Zoos?", it explains that "Zoos spend millions of dollars to create bigger and better animal enclosures in order to improve the conditions for the animals." Zoos are also helping "raise millions of dollars to support conservation projects in Africa and Asia", stated in the second article. Zoos help support and take care of animals in any way they can.

Zoos are not a bad thing for wild animals. The whole point of a zoo is to help animals who may not be able to survive on their own in the wild. Through many conservation

efforts and programs, animals have been allowed a safe, new, and secure home in a zoo or a nature park. Animals are worth protecting. So, tell me this, why do some people object these ideas?

ID Score Point 3+

The content is largely appropriate for audience and purpose.

The writer addresses the prompt with a partially developed argument using claim (s) and counterclaims (s), text-based evidence, and reasoning. Human impact, sickness, and conservation programs are developed using text-based material.

Counter claim "Some people argue that if an animal is kept in a confined space with no other species to interact with, that animal will not behave naturally."

The writer attempts to paraphrase and cite evidence.

Writer sustains a perspective through most of the argument.

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Have you ever thought that keeping animals in zoos is actually beneficial to them in many ways? That is true because animals are threatened in the wilderness and are exposed to some unhealthy living conditions. However, some people say otherwise because they think animals are not given the same type of freedom as they are in the wild. That might be true in some cases but the reason why they should be kept in zoos or nature parks far outweighs the cause than why they shouldn't. Animals should be kept in zoos or nature parks because, they are being treated with love and care, also they are protected from all hurt, harm, and danger, and also it's increasing the population of endangered species.

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Animals that are being kept in zoos are being treated properly with love and care. For example, They are being fed a proper nutrient diet on a regular schedule so they are able to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Also, animals are receiving medical care from veterinarians to make sure they are properly nourished. Animals are also being protected from wildlife predators and hunters. For example, with the animals being in the zoo they have rangers to watch over them just in case they are endangered by anything. All of these benefits allows the animals to live longer than they would in the wilderness.

With animals living in the zoo comes the benefit of animals being able to be protected from hurt, harm, and danger. They are given the opportunity to live in a safe environment, without having to worry about being threatened by the wildlife. Also, they live in great living conditions. According to the passage, "zoos spend millions of dollars to create bigger and better animal enclosures in order

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in order to improve the conditions for the animals' lives. Animals' lives were also affected in the wild from pollution caused by humans, with animals living in zoos they are protected from that happening.

Zoos are increasing the population of endangered animals. That is because they are able to reproduce more. According to the passage, animals that are in controlled environments, their numbers can increase and prevent extinction. Animals that have been near extinction have been saved due to being properly cared in zoos. Although some might think the zoo is just a place to see animals, the zoos also have programs to protect endangered animals from extinction.

As you can see, although many people think animals should be kept in the wild for their own benefits, the reason why they shouldn't live in the wild far outweighs why they should. Zoos and nature parks are providing beneficial needs to the animals that can't be provided in the wilderness.

ID Score Point 4-

The content is appropriate for audience and purpose.

The writer addresses the prompt with a fully developed argument using relevant, compelling claim (s) and counterclaims (s) , accurate text-based evidence, and logical reasoning.

Counterclaim in the introduction. "However, some people say otherwise because they think animals are not given the same type of freedom as they are in the wild."

Counterclaim in the population paragraph. "Although some might think the zoo is just a place to see animals..."

Paper develops benefits of the zoo in depth, extending paragraphs and giving support.

For example the love and care paragraph uses four pieces of evidence from the text for support. (proper diet, regular schedule, medical care, protected from wildlife predators)

The writer quotes and paraphrases evidence avoiding plagiarism.

Writer expresses an insightful perspective towards the topic. The student is connected and develops a good argument.

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Saving The Animals

All throughout the world we live in today hundreds of animal species are being held in zoos and other wild life sanctuaries. They don't have freedom, they don't have space to roam free and explore the great vastness of the land of their ancestors. Instead they are being locked up in cages and mistreated. How can we stand by and let these poor animals be deprived of the essentials they need to survive in this world? They don't need to be held captive, they have survived on the earth this long without becoming extinct, Don't you think they could prosper on their own?

Wildlife protection agencies are beginning to wonder why the animals in the zoos have begun developing

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on-natural behaviors. The answer is simple, animals don't want to be cooped up in a cage or small section. They want space to run, fly, and swim freely without the restrictions of being held in a zoo. Would you want to be cooped up for your whole life?

The people who operate the zoo companies believe they are doing the animals a favor by capturing them and taking them to live in society with no predators to harm them, but in all reality they are just destroying the animals way of life and sense of survival. What about all the other species of animals who relied on those animals to survive? They soon end up endangered just like the animals they once preyed on. You take away one food source, you kill many other animals who needed that food source to survive. People need to use their common sense. The animals were thriving just fine until we started destroying their homelands and taking away the animals they depended on to live.

Over the years we have constantly kept

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building new things, we destroyed animals homes and their habitats just to see a new store or local business get built. We have polluted the air we breathe, the water we drink, with garbage and harmful chemicals, we don't realize that it's not just us who are affected by pollution. Look around, animals breathe the same air we do, they drink the water we drink. They are endangered because of us not protecting them enough, and leaving their homes alone. If we just cleaned up the world a little bit, it would have a major impact on all of humanity. If the animals habitats were left alone, they wouldn't need to live in zoos and sanctuaries. We don't need to imprison them to help them, all we need to do is protect the wild life they spend their lives in.

In zoos and sanctuaries animals are being forced to breed. Doing that to animals is far from being right. Animals should be able to choose when they want to mate and to whom they mate with. You should not be able to force any two beings

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Whether it be animals or humans to mate with each other, just so you can make their population size go up. Where is your audacity? You can not force two animals to mate unwillingly, they should be able to find their own mate and have offspring in their own time. Doing forced reproduction has lead to animals not being able to reproduce. Why risk having an animal who can't have offspring due to forced reproduction, when you can let them mate naturally and have offspring? People need to think more clearly into depth about what is actually harming the animals.

In the wild, animals are free, free to eat with a varied diet, get to have interactions with other animals, and don't have to be held in captivity. They can roam the earth freely and experience what it's like to be at peace with the world. Why should we capture them and take all of that away from them? The animals who were brought into captivity and then set free after a period of time lost

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the basic survival skills the needed to make it in the wild. Once they loose that sense of survival, they most likely won't be able to be absolutely free again, or get that instinct back.

I say just let the poor creatures be. Let them live their lives in the wild where they belong, just make an effort to protect the places they live by not destroying them. That's really the most humane way to care for these animals and the next generation of animals to come.

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Relevant text-based material to support natural behaviors, construction, population, diet, and survival skills.

Counterclaim - "The people who operate the zoo companies believe they are doing the animals a favor by capturing them and taking them to live in a society with no predators to harm them..."

The writer quotes and paraphrases evidence avoiding plagiarism.

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Animals don't ~~always~~ need caged or closed in. But in many cases like red wolves, they need to be. When their populations are low they need more of the animals, to do so we trap them in a sense. It's sad to think but in the same manner it's needed. So, I argue that they need freed after repopulating.

Nature parks are wonderful, they allow animals to roam, fly, hunt, and mate. After a bit they might even return the animals to the wild. Take the wolves as example.

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again, they repopulated and even returned to special, large areas. But animals need the wild, ~~that~~ are ~~extinct~~ ~~for~~ ~~and~~ ~~reason~~, we are the reason they must be trapped, ~~and~~ are also the reason they go extinct.

Zoos on the other hand need to be bigger for animals to fly, roam, and be wild. Some zoos need to release animals later on too. They're good for protecting reasons, but bad for not letting animals roam. But some zoos do release animals, and spend millions to make the animals stay, ~~and~~ ~~even~~ life better in ways. Animals also live longer in society, but may fail to reproduce. We need to protect them the best we can, at this time, because they might be gone tomorrow.

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	<p>Lacks logical direction. No evidence of organizational structure. Missing an introduction and conclusion. List of ideas lacking transitions.</p>

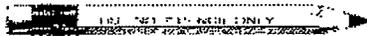
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There are good sides and bad sides to zoos and reservations, like that the enclosures are so small, and they have nowhere to come around, but they do have other animals of their kind so that's a plus. Reservations are a little closer to the wild, and they have more animals, but then again they aren't the wild.

The good thing about zoos is they are helping animals recover from wounds or near extinction. Bad things about the zoo are if animals are in there long enough they could lose their instincts like hunting or escaping.



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Predators like wolves or mountain lions.

A good thing about reservations is they are just like the wild and they help the animals regain these instincts. A bad thing about reservations is they aren't the wild, and they don't regain all instincts because they aren't used to being hunted, but in reservations they do have other animals to react with.

OUC Anchor	Score Point 1
Lacks logical direction.	
No evidence of organizational structure.	
List of pros and cons for zoos and reservations. "A good thing about....a bad thing about."	
Missing an introduction and conclusion.	

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- Do you think animals should be in Zoo's or with People that are man-made? I think animals should be in the zoos and also in nature parks. People that are hunting when its not season should not be killing any animal at all. Animals need to be kept in controlled environments because nearly some of the animals in the zoo are extinct. We want them in there so they can breed to the animal so we could have allot more. So they would not all become extinct. I think the animals are fine in Zoo's and Nature parks. People that keep the animals at there man-made home is not right all the

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time because they could beat on them
kill them to. Some animals need to be
left alone in the wild because they may
not know how to handle it in the
zoos. Animals need space to roam. People
kill the animals by cutting or doing
something to their home. It cuts down
the food and water on the animals self.
Humans hunt animals for meat fur or
body parts. When people hunt it destroys
their home by the smell that is from
the human. I think the animals should
live in the nature parks. They have a
better chance of living. They have all
the space they want they have food
water and can breed to other animals
of the same kind. In the parks
animals don't see people everyday. They
have a place to run, jump, play anywhere.
But zoos treat the animals very well.
Animals get fed every day there at the

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Zoo. Animals in the zoo are protected by there prentors in the wild. Some animals dont like the zoo because they feel like there maybe crowded by other animals. Thats when the start being mean and maybe even dying. Zoo's protect from the animals becoming extinct. Animals in the zoos live to be longer to the animals in the wild life. The animals in the zoos get medical care. The ones in the wild dont get treated. There's only one way to protect from animals becoming extinct by putting a zoo and a Natural park together. Zoo's spend millions of dollars feeding the animals. People believe it is good for animals to live in the wild cause of there health and diet.

OUC Anchor Score Point 1+

Lacks logical direction throughout the paper. Starts off with an introduction, but the paper becomes a random list of thoughts not tied together.
Lacks evidence of organizational structure.
No conclusion.

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Do you think people should be able to lock animals up in zoos? I think we should only be able to lock them up for short amount of times. I think that if you keep them for a long time they are going to forget how to live on there own. Then when you let them go they wont be able to live on there own so they will get killed or die of starvation.

There should be benefits in having zoos. Every animal should be cared for in a equal amount. They should not be abused or starved. There cages should be like there habitat out of the zoo. There cages

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Should also be very long and wide according to how big the animal is.

Also if there is an animal going extinct we should keep them and breed them and put them in a park so they don't go extinct. What ever kind of animal... it is we should bring its population up. Then start releasing a few at a time.

I also think that they should shorten how long you can hunt certain animals. Also make it where you can only kill so many a year so that animals don't go extinct. We need to fix all the problems with road hunting and shooting animals out of season!

The end!

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OUC Anchor Score Point 2-

Introduction is brief and does not present a clear topic.

Reasons and information that support the writer's purpose are ordered in random progression.

Transitions are limited - "Also" "I also"

Conclusion is incomplete - "The end"

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Endangered animals should live in zoos or nature parks. But if the animals are not endangered then they should live in the wild where they belong. Endangered animals need to be in zoos or nature parks because it can help them not come extinct. It would be better if animals that are not endangered stay in the wild because they can hunt and provide for themselves. It would also be bad to keep endangered animals because if you release them back into the wild they would not know how to provide or care for themselves. If the environment is bad it will affect the animals behavior. So big animals need to be in big places so they can roam and run that way they can feel more at home. Small animals need small but not too small places to be that way they can do what they want to do and still feel at home. The animals behavior can tell you things about the animal and what it needs. If a big animal is acting weird as in going in circles or something it is telling

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you that it needs a bigger place to be. Smaller animals if they are acting weird as in not coming out of there homes it means the place that they are in is to big. So that means they need a smaller place to live. Sometimes it can be bad for some animals to be in Zoos because if they plan on releasing the animal back into the wild the animal could of forgotten how to hunt and find a home for them because of living in a zoo they had everything done for them. They would have to find food on there own and find a place to live on there own. But if they can't then the animal will just die because it could not provide for its self. What I am trying to say is that animals are just like people. In some ways they are not but they are in some. Like are environment effects are behavior to and we have to survive on are own just like animals. So... thats the end of my essay.

OUC Anchor Score Point 2

Introduction is brief and does not present a clear topic. Huge random first paragraph.

Reasons and information that support the writer's purpose are ordered in random progression.

Transitions are limited.

Conclusion is incomplete with little support of the information presented. "What I am trying to say is that animals are just like people. In some ways they are not but they are in some."

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There are many pros and cons for animals living in man made environments and in the wild. One of the pros for animals living in man made environments is people can't hunt or build in them, like they can in the wild. Animals have a better chance of surviving when people can't hunt them, or when they can't build things where they are living. A pro for animals living in the wild is they are more natural and at home. Another pro for animals living in the wild is zoos/man-made environments. Animals need to live in environments that are natural to them.

Another pro for animals living in man-made environments or in zoos is the animals get watched by the rangers. When the rangers watch over the animals they make sure nothing happens to them. Another pro for animals living in the wild is that they have a more healthy and varied diet. When an animal has a healthy diet it tends to live longer.

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There are alot of cons for animals in the wild and in zoos or man made environments. Where there are buildings and roads now used to be nothing but jungle. Because of all the buildings and roads it has created pollution, and the pollution is killing the animals.

A major con for animals living in man-made environments is they can't choose their own breeding mate, unlike in the wild. In man-made environments many animals have failed to produce offspring because they can't choose their own mates.

Along with humans building roads and buildings they are destroying animals homes. When they put down trees for lumber they are destroying homes of the animals that live there. When animals are fed on a regular schedule they tend to get used to that. So when they go back to the wild they might not be able to survive because they have to relearn to hunt and use there skills.

Conclusion I'm neutral on them being in the wild or in man-made environments because in the wild they act natural, but also might die, but in man-made environments they don't act natural and probably will survive. So based off of the information I got out of the two passages if I had to choose one I would choose man-made environments because I would rather animals act unnatural than die.

OUC Anchor Score Point 2+

Introduction is brief and does not present a clear topic. Paper starts off with general statements.

Reasons and information are partially ordered by pros and cons.

Transitions are limited - "One of the pros" "Another pro" "So"

Conclusion is incomplete - "So based off of the information I got out of the two passages if I had to choose one I would choose man-made environments because I would rather animals get unnatural than die."

Lack of focus on content structure is evident. "I'm neutral on them being in the wild or in man-made environments they don't act natural and probably will survive."

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Humans have kept animals in captivity for thousands of years, as farm animals, or as exhibits. In ancient Egypt cows were used for meat, clothes, and milk. Zoos first appeared in Rome as late as 3000 years ago, animals there were often caged and diseased, treatment was also often poor. In the Ottoman empire, elephants, and lions were sent to the Sultan's own Zoo. Animals have lost some of their instincts because of this.

Zoos often do more harm than good. Animals don't have room to explore, or to roam. They sometimes can be seen pacing back and forth across the enclosure, or grooming until the fur is gone. Zoos aren't entirely bad though, they save species from extinction, and poaching. However, sometimes zoos get over populated, which leads to more problems.

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Animal refuges aren't much better, although they are more open. The animal is still limited to staying in a fence, being fed, and having veterinary care. Refuges don't allow building, but they do allow foods, and care. Some countries simply don't care about poachers, despite efforts by the U.N. to set up preserves, animals are still becoming extinct. Species will still go extinct if something isn't done.

One could also argue that zoos and refuges are best for the animals. They are fed, housed, and given medical care. Refuges protect some habitats, and species of animals. Humans could improve this much more if we had mixed refuges habitat, and species etc. Refuges save countless species from extinction.

We, as humans should do all that we can to stop extinction. The only way to do that, is by global cooperation. Animals could be saved if we all worked together to save it. They depend on us for safety, but they can't be dependent on us to feed them. This is why I think we should save the animals.

OUC Anchor Score Point 3-

Paper does not set up a clear topic or establish the argument in the opening paragraph. Reasons and information that support the writer's purpose are partially ordered.

Paragraph two the pros and cons of zoos. Paragraph three the pros and cons of refuges. Paragraph four what zoos and refuges have in common.

Transitions support and link reasons - "One could also argue..." "Animal refuges aren't much better..."

Conclusion is confusing and not fully linked to the paper.

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Have you ever thought about what an animal likes and doesn't like? Scientists have conducted many tests to see what exactly they like and don't like. Some animals behave better in the wild and some of them don't. People are debating if animals should be kept in zoos or not. There are many benefits for an animal to be out in the wild.

First, animals can be more active when they are not limited to what they can do. When animals are out in the wild they are free to do what they want when they want. People say that animals that are kept in a controlled environment behave better as opposed to those in the wild. That is true, but is that what's best for the animal? When animals are kept in zoos or any other controlled environment they are

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told when to eat and what to eat. That makes the animals dependent on the people rather than their hunting skills.

Secondly, animals in the wild develop better survival skills. When an animal is out in the wild it can learn to adapt. There have been reports of ~~big cats~~, just pacing endlessly or Polar Bears just swimming in circles by being in a zoo. When animals are in a zoo for a long period of time and then released into the wild again the animal might not know what to do. That can be a big problem because it makes them easy prey.

Lastly, animals like and want to choose who they can be with. Animals in the wild choose their own mates and partners. When an animal has to be forced to mate with another it can end up bad for both the people and the animal. Would you like it if someone told you who you were going to marry or spend the rest of your life with. Animals in captivity can't choose who they want

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to be with.

In conclusion, animals that are in their natural habitat can benefit more than those in a zoo. They can run, swim, jump or do anything in the wild. They would have a better time surviving if they don't lose their survival skills in a zoo. The animals also would do better when they get to pick who they want to be with. Animals would be better off in the wild for all these reasons than just be stuck inside a cage or fake environment.

OUC Anchor Score Point 3

Introduction presents a topic and an argument. "There are many benefits for an animal to be out in the wild."

Focus on content and structure.

Reasons and information that support the writer's purpose are ordered.

"animals can be more active" "animals in the wild develop better survival skills" "animals want to choose who they can be with."

Transitions support and link reasons even though formulaic. "First"

"Second" "Lastly" "In conclusion"

Conclusion is satisfying and supports the argument.

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How much would you enjoy it if some strange person came and took you away and stuck you behind a glass wall while people stared at you? That example was known as a zoo. Animals from the wild are being put in danger while at zoos. They are forced to do things that they normally wouldn't do. Animals need to stay in their natural habitat and not get snatched away.

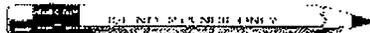
First of all, many humans might not have any idea they are killing endangered animals. This is a ginormous ^{SP} problem in Africa. Some ~~countries~~ don't enforce punishment if someone kills or harms a protected animal. This could be costly and devastating because you never know if that animal was the last of its kind.

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Also, many animals are being forced to do simple tasks like eat or mate. Many species, like the tigers, get tired of doing this and they start to pace non-stop around their cage. This isn't the only creature that does this; birds and polar bears act oddly also. When you take a trip to the zoo next time remember you aren't observing their natural behavior.

Most importantly, when animals are placed in a "fake" habitat for an extended amount of time they lose many habits. Their behavior changes when they are released into the wild and their behavior shifts. The animals will now have to relearn everything they were naturally given or taught. It is extremely dangerous for them to be released, but how could we avoid it?

When a species is put into an artificial habitat it loses everything. Even though they are protected from predators, they still need room to roam, run, and fly! There is never enough space to be free and explore.



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OUC Anchor	Score Point 3+
Introduction presents a topic and an argument. "Animals need to stay in their natural habitat and not get snatched away."	
Focus on content and structure. Paragraphs are ordered with purpose and focus.	
Reasons and information that support the writer's purpose are ordered.	
Transitions support and link reasons. "First of all" "Also" "Most importantly" "Even though" "This isn't the only creature that does this..."	
Conclusion is satisfying and supports the argument.	

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I watched the wolves play in the cage. I was at the Oklahoma City Zoo and this was the first time I had seen a wolf. While the wolves played with each other, I watched in amazement. I heard someone say that it wasn't right keeping the animals locked up in cages. While I didn't say it out loud, I immediately disagreed. Animals should be kept in a controlled environment because it can save species from extinction, people won't be able to destroy the animals' habitats, the animals are able to receive medicine, and it can inspire people to help.

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Keeping animals in zoos or nature parks has saved many species. Red wolves, California condors, black-footed ferrets, and golden lion tamarins are just a few of the many species that has been saved in the last thirty years. All of these species were kept in zoos, nature park, and sanctuaries. By keeping the animals in these man-made environments, scientists and veterinarians were able to save these wonderful creatures.

The habitats in nature parks and sanctuaries are safe from human destruction. These areas are protected from humans building roads, homes, buildings, factories, and many other man-made structures. In order to build these structures, people would have to clear forests, and dig through the ground. This destroys the animals homes and could pollute their water sources. The animals in nature park, however, are safe

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from this.

The animals in zoos and nature parks are able to receive medical treatment if they get sick or hurt. In the wild, if an animal is sick or hurt, they are more vulnerable and will most likely die. In a zoo, on the other hand, has veterinarians on stand by in case this happens. While it is probably rare that it happens in zoos, the animals are able to receive the treatment they need. As a result, animals live longer in zoos than they do in the wild.

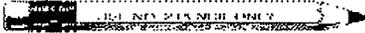
Seeing the animals inspires people to help them. This is true for endangered species. If people knew how bad it was for them, they are motivated to help them. In the article, *Do Animals Lose in Zoos?*, it says that, "If people don't see the animals, they will not be inspired to protect

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them."

Now there are disadvantages to being in man-made environments. Studies show that some survival instincts can be suppressed or completely forgotten. Animals are isolated from each other. Natural behavior disappears over time. Animals are not able to choose their mates. Breeding programs can lead to overpopulation. The diet is limited. The space to roam is decreased. All of these are symptoms of living in zoos, but the animals can be saved from extinction and get medical treatment. While they do not belong in zoos, it is a way to keep animals safe.

Animals should be kept in controlled environments. It can keep species from going extinct. The animals are safe from their habitats being destroyed. The animals are able to receive treatment in case



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they get sick or wounded. It can inspire people to help.

OUC Anchor

Score Point 4-

Introduction presents a clear topic and establishes the argument.

Sustained focus on content and structure. "Animals should be kept in a controlled environment..." is sustained throughout the paper in a clear organizational structure.

Reasons and information that support the writer's purpose are ordered. Save the animals from extinction, people will not be able to destroy the animals habitat, animals are able to receive medical treatment, and inspire people.

Transitions between ideas are coherent. "By keeping the animals in these man-made environments..." "In order to build these structures..." "While it is probably rare..." "Now there are disadvantages to being in man-made environments"

Conclusion is satisfying and supports the argument.

Blank lined writing area for student response.



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Have you ever thought that keeping animals in zoos is actually beneficial to them in many ways? That is true because animals are threatened in the wilderness and are exposed to some unhealthy living conditions. However, some people say otherwise because they think animals are not given the same type of freedom as they are in the wild. That might be true in some cases but the reason why they should be kept in zoos or nature parks far outweighs the cause than why they shouldn't. Animals should be kept in zoos or nature parks because, they are being treated with love and care, also they are protected from all hurt, harm, and danger, and also it's increasing the population of endangered species.

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Animals that are being kept in zoos are being treated properly with love and care. For example, they are being fed a proper nutrient diet on a regular schedule so they are able to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Also, animals are receiving medical care from veterinarians to make sure they are properly nourished. Animals are also being protected from wildlife predators and hunters. For example, with the animals being in the zoo they have rangers to watch over them just in case they are endangered by anything. All of these benefits allow the animals to live longer than they would in the wilderness.

With animals living in the zoo comes the benefit of animals being able to be protected from hurt, harm, and danger. They are given the opportunity to live in a safe environment, without having to worry about being threatened by the wildlife. Also, they live in great living conditions. According to the passage, "zoos spend millions of dollars to create bigger and better animal enclosures in order

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in order to improve the conditions for the animals' lives. Animals' lives were also affected in the wild from pollution caused by humans, with animals living in zoos they are protected from that happening.

Zoos are increasing the population of endangered animals. That is because they are able to reproduce more. According to the passage, animals that are in controlled environments, their numbers can increase and prevent extinction. Animals that have been near extinction have been saved due to being properly cared in zoos. Although some might think the zoo is just a place to see animals, the zoos also have programs to protect endangered animals from extinction.

As you can see, although many people think animals should be kept in the wild for their own benefits, the reason why they shouldn't live in the wild far outweighs why they should. Zoos and nature parks are providing beneficial needs to the animals that can't be provided in the wilderness.

OUC Anchor Score Point 4

Introduction presents a clear topic and establishes the argument.

Sustained focus on content and structure.

Reasons and information that support the writer's purpose are ordered.

Love and care, protected from hurt, harm and danger, and zoos are increasing the population of endangered animals.

Transitions between ideas are coherent. "However" "According to the passage..." "Although some might think..." "As you can see..."

Conclusion supports the opinion.

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People should not have a animal
in a cage it's ~~mean~~ ~~not~~. having animals
in a cage ~~how~~ ~~wood~~ you like to
be in a cage like a animal.

Animals are in percent to
eat like cow, pig but that live on
a farm so with ~~all~~ have a lot of room
so it is cool.

Animals like monkeys, lions,
tiger bears, polar bears and stuff like
that should not be in a cage because
it is not health for animals like
that.

Animals are meant to be free
but that are not because people are

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mean to them and they are mean
back then the animal will
git shot by a man then die.

Animals are the coolest thing
on the Earth to see. A gold
lion it's a cool git to see
so w it will work.

The money from the zoos
are for new cages, food, new animals,
new zoo keepers and animal trainers.

WC Anchor Score Point 1

Figurative language, word relationships, and
nuances in word meanings are not evident.
Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and
domain-specific words are lacking. Use of "cool"
and "stuff."
Use of some original words even though basic.
"Animals are meant to be free..."

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Controlled environments for animals, I think are not good for some animals. Controlled environments are good when a species are becoming extinct. They are also not my favorite place for an animal to be. But if they are in bad condition they should be there. I think controlled environments are good when they use them for the right reason.

I do not like it when controlled environments are used

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for to look at animals that are perfectly fine. They should have areas where they can run free and not be in enclosed spaces. So people can watch what they like in their natural habitat. People would probably like it more if they could see animals in natural habitats. And animals would like it more too.

When animals are in the wild they look happier. They might not have to deal with predators in controlled environments. But they know how to do things in the wild. And they probably like doing things on their own. Rather than humans doing things for them.

Animals in the wild and animals in controlled environments are

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different. Even though controlled environments mimic the wild it's not really the same. The wild is better for animals i think. But if a species is becoming extinct. That's when they should be in controlled environments.

So I think that animals should be in the wild. I think that because that is where they came from that's where they should be. Controlled environments are good for animals with bad conditions. But other than that I think they should be in the wild. And that is what my opinion is on animals in the wild and animals in controlled

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environments.

WC Anchor Score Point 2-

Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are limited. Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific words are limited. Words pulled from the text are higher words than what you might see in a ONE point paper. "mimic" "habitat" "predators"

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Today im writing about the endangerment of animals. The first thing is what we can do to help them. Another thing is are zoos good for them? Or should we put them in national parks or refuges.

The first thing I want to discuss is what humans can do to help the animals. One thing is do not throw trash and things like that out the window when you're driving down the road. Also when people go and cut a lot of trees down, they could atleast plant some more. The third thing is when you're hunting dont go over the limit of birds or deer or whatever it is that you are hunting.

I dont think we should have zoos. When you put a wild animal in a zoo it will get food and water just handed to it. Then they lose all their hunting skills, and then if they release them into the wild after a while like the

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Passage said they will have forgotten ~~every~~ thing to do to sunlike. Although if they are in a zoo they'd probably live longer but I still don't like that idea.

The last thing I want to talk is putting animals in nature parks or refuges. In my opinion that would probably be the best thing for them. My reasoning for that is it is just like being in the wild except they aren't being hunted. They still have to find their own food and water. I can't think of anything bad about being in a refuge.

So that's what I think that should happen. So we should be careful about the things we do, and don't pollute news. Before you do things just think of the animals that you could hurt.

WC Anchor Score Point 2

Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are limited.
 Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific words are limited. Mix of simple words and domain-specific words.
 Words pulled from the text are higher words than what you might see in a ONE point paper.
 "refuges" "pollute"

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The story I'm going to be writing about, is animal protection. I think animals should stay in zoos because the zookeepers take good care of them and it'll keep them protected and you can make it safe for them.

It'll make it better for them. Some of the animals homes get destroyed by people because they need some of the animals stuff for things. They won't get killed for their fur, meat, and body parts.

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Even though we need some
of those things of the animals,
they still need to be protected.
They won't get abused or
anything so they will live
happily with their families.

There's some things in
the wild that aren't meant
for some animals, they
could be either be hunted
just for the fun of it,
or they could be treated
badly if there's people taking
"care" of them.

Animals in zoos live longer
than animals in the wild.

They are well fed, protected
from predators, and treated
by veterinarians. So that's
my thought of why animals
should be living in zoos.

WC Anchor Score Point 2+

Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are limited.

Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific words are limited.

Concrete words and phrases - "They are well fed, protected from predators, and treated by veterinarians."

Simple language - "It'll make it better for them. Some of the animals homes get destroyed by people because they need some of the animals stuff for them."

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I believe all animals belong in the wild, but endangered animals should live in zoos. I think non-endangered animals should live in the wild because there they have room to roam around, mate, and hunt. Yet endangered animals should live in zoos because they won't be hunted, they will have plenty of care, and it could possibly increase their species.

In the wild animals have numerous places to go because it's so huge. If they wanted to move or live in a different location they could do so. Living in a zoo you have a certain place you are assigned and that's where you stay, doesn't sound like much fun. All animals need is to stay alive and for an endangered animal, the zoo is the best place to be.

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Yes they have a certain place to stay, but in that place they won't be hunted.

Living in the wild gives animals a variety on who to mate with. In a zoo animals don't really have an option and being forced to mate can lead to failure to offspring. In zoos, there is still a chance for animals to have babies and that will make their species multiply.

Lastly, living in the wild is a greater chance for them to be hunted rather than living in a zoo. When animals live in the wild they hunt for food and they are hunted for food and clothing. It is illegal to hunt for animals in zoos and in a zoo they don't have to hunt because they are cared for daily.

I think living in zoos is safer and better for animals because they won't be hunted, they are cared for, and are just safer!

WC Anchor Score Point 3-

Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are demonstrated. "In zoos, there is still a chance for animals to have babies and that will make their species multiply." "When animals live in the wild they hunt for food and they are hunted for food and clothing."

Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific words are used to convey ideas. "I think non-endangered animals should live in the wild because there they have room to roam around, mate, and hunt."

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People have their own opinion or beliefs. Animals that live in the wild on their own get preyed on by other animals, or they get hunted by humans. If animals lived in an environment where there is a drought, the animal might not find a source of water. Some animals might struggle to find food and they might starve, especially if they are injured. Animals should live in zoos or nature parks. Animals would live a healthier life.

Humans have built roads or buildings where animals were meant to live. They have destroyed the animals homes, food, and water resources. Zoos and nature parks feed, live, and care for the animals. The zoo keepers and rangers make the animals feel like they are home. Home is where animals belong and where they are loved.

People have cut down animals trees that animals live in. Some animals like monkeys live and play in trees. If they have no home they won't have any where to go that's a safe environment like a zoo or a nature park. Zoos and nature parks that have animals like monkeys do have trees

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for them.

Humans have created a lot of pollution that really harms the animals. Zoos and nature parks have little pollution so the animals aren't harmed. In the wild pollution not only contaminates the beautiful animals, but it also contaminates their food, water, and fresh air. In zoos and nature parks they control the amount of harmful pollution.

People have hunted animals so much to use them for their own personal use, that they have caused certain animals to become extinct. Zoos and nature parks don't allow humans to hunt the protected animals. Zoos and nature parks also don't allow other animals to hunt the protected animals as well. Keeping the animals safe especially the extinct animals have brought back some extinct animals like the black-footed ferrets, California condors, red wolves, golden lion tamarins, and many other animals that were once extinct.

Animals should be kept in zoos or nature parks so they can live a healthy happy long life. If animals live there they can't be hunted and preyed on. More and more extinct or endangered animals can be repopulated again. They will get great care and they will be in a safe gentle environment. Zoos and nature parks are a great home for the animals. Home is where the animals belong and where they are loved by themselves, other animals, and humans.

WC Anchor Score Point 3

Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are demonstrated. "In the wild pollution not only contaminates the beautiful animals, but it also contaminates their food, water, and fresh air." "Animals should be kept in zoos or nature parks so they can live a healthy happy long life."

Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific words are used to convey ideas.

"drought" "struggle" "water resources" "created"

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Animals in Zoo's.

I'm going to be talking about how it's good for animals to be placed in zoo's. How it'll help with their behavior towards other animals, how they interact with people, they're protection from predators and other things as well.

When animals are living in the wild they either live on their own or in a commundee. If their living alone they wonder all over the place looking for shelter, food, water, and watching and making sure there's no predators around. Now, if they are with a group of other animals they most likely get the role that they are the dominate one, they'll fight over a mate, food, and shelter.

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The behaviors affect them very badly. If the animal is very tamed they really won't fight back if another animal is harming it. If it's not able to fight back there's a big chance that it won't survive much longer. Then there are the dominate animals that just have to fight everything that passes their sight. Now in zoo the animals are calm, and tamed.

Their health is treated very well at zoo's. The Veterinarians treat their illnesses the best they can, if they are wounded they properly treat the wound and make sure it is healing correctly. As in the wild animals won't be treated for their wound or illness, they will possibly die from infection or illness.

In the zoo's animals don't have to worry about predators attacking while they are sleeping. They are asleep in a very big pen just the right size for that type of animal. People can't harm them also, they don't have to worry about hunters trying

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to kill them and use their skin or any other body part for money.

The reason why I think zoo's are a good place for animals is because they have a better chance at living longer. The animals are happy also. They are enjoying the attention families bring from different places.

WC Anchor	Score Point 3+
Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are demonstrated. "The veterinarians treat their illnesses the best they can, if they are wounded they properly treat the wound and make sure it is healing correctly."	
Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific words are used to convey ideas. "behavior" "interact" "communities" dominant one" "timid" "harming"	

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Have you ever been to a zoo? Surely you've seen the king of the jungle sit upon a rock or lean his mighty roar. Or maybe you've seen the monkeys gracefully swing from branch to branch. Quite amazing indeed but while we're so wound up in the excitement of seeing nature's finest animals, we tend to forget about how the animals themselves feel about being in the zoo. It makes sense to have an endangered species in a zoo because then they can be looked out for, kept safe, and possibly that species could regain some of its numbers. Yet you wouldn't think the same about an animal that could be doing well on its own in the wild and not be anywhere close to extinction..

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It's fun to go to a zoo and see all the different types of animals move around in these man-made habitats. Although chances are, the animals will be doing the exact same thing the next day, and for days to come. It's a constant life style for the zoo animals. In the passage, "Do Animals Lose in Zoo?" it says, "critics of the modern zoo compare the zoo to a prison." and you can see in the animal behavior that in some cases, that is true. For instance. In the same passage mentioned before it says, "Polar bears have been observed swimming in circles. Parrots have groomed themselves until they have no feathers left. Big cats have been seen endlessly pacing." When animals are not behaving like they normally do in the wild, visitors are not observing natural behaviors. So you can see how these zoos can be like a prison for animals.

Stated in the passage "The Impact of Animal Protection" it says, "One way that people have tried to protect animals from extinction is to establish Nature parks and sanctuaries." I think this is a

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great idea! Endangered animals need to be in nature parks and sanctuaries! This way they will remain safe from threats that could cost them their lives in the wild. If an endangered species was to stay in a reserve, it would almost be like a timeout, so they could regenerate/reproduce.

Even though zoos, reserves, and sanctuaries have some good long term side effects on the animals. These man made habitats DO have some advantages. In the passage "Do Animals Lose in Zoos" it states that, "Modern zoos pride themselves as centers for scientific studies and research." This is a great way to observe animals and learn more about them. In another passage it says, "The public is often allowed to enjoy these animals by driving through the reserves." This in my opinion is another advantage to these reserves. Then we could observe the animals in a larger, more realistic habitat.

So now that you can see both sides of the story, you can have your own opinion on the subject. As for my opinion, I strictly believe that if an animal is not endangered.. It should remain in

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the wild. As for endangered animals, I think they should be kept on reserves to bring back the numbers of the species.

WC Anchor

Score Point 4-

Figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings are demonstrated effectively.

Concrete words and phrases, sensory details, and domain-specific words are used effectively to clearly convey ideas.

Sensory details are front loaded in this paper and not consistent throughout.

Citing is used heavily in this paper, and within the quotes the language may not be used as original, but beyond the citing, the student has demonstrated the above criteria for a 4 point paper.

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All animals should be in the wild but kept safe from hunters. Almost like a refuge so people don't harm them and go endangered. The bad thing about zoos is they don't have enough space to run and they have a small watering hole. But the good thing is they are safe from hunters, and other bigger animals trying to harm them. Plus they get shelter from rain, wind, ice, or snow. The animal protection societies but they have small sanctuaries but veterinarians help them if they get sick or hurt, or endangered. The good thing about both of them they keep them safe with shelter, food, water, from hunters.

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Other big animals. BUT THE BEST ONE WOULD PROBABLY ANIMAL PROTECTION BECAUSE THEY PROBABLY HAVE BETTER VETERINARIANS BECAUSE IT'S AN ANIMAL PROTECTION AND THEY PROBABLY HAVE BETTER AND BIGGER SANCTUARIES BETTER FOOD, GOOD CAPPING WORKERS, BETTER MEDICIAN, AND A BREEDING PROGRAM SO THEY WON'T GO EXTINCT. SO ZOO'S. JUST ARE MEAN TO THEM OR DON'T HAVE VERY GOOD DR'S, OR SANCTUARIES, THEIR PROBABLY SMALL, NOT VERY GOOD DRINKING WATER, NOT GOOD FOOD, NO PLACE TO RUN OR ROAM FREE, OR SWIM OR FLY, WHEN PEOPLE SEE THEM THEY PROBABLY THROW STUFF AT THEM WHEN THEY SEE THE ANIMALS AT THE ZOO. THE BEST IS AN ANIMAL PROTECTION IT'S BETTER THAN A ZOO.

S and P Score Point 1-

No clear sentence structure.
 Many fragments and run-ons throughout the paper.
 No attempt at paragraphing.

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They should live in zoos because construction is being done around there home. or there home is already gone. And so the can be protected from going extinct. Because if they go extinct we wont have alot of stuff like animals to look up and see what they are. Next is so we dont lose animals because we lose animals farmers wont have animals to sell or show. Then they should live in zoos because people are taking there home from them and other animals might not like the animal trying to find a new home. Finally so little kids that like to go see animals at the zoo can see all new kinds and find out what they are like. So wildlife animals should live in a man made environment because they might not know how

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to find a new home. Yea they might miss running free, but they are better in a zoo than going extinct. If they go extinct we won't have meat we would all be eating veggies. I don't think people would like that. So yes zoo is better for them. they are finally somewhere were they being loved and showed off to the world.

S and P Score Point 1

No clear sentence structure.
Many fragments and run-ons throughout the paper.
No attempt at paragraphing.

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I think if the endangered ones should be the only animals in man made environments. Just let the non endangered ones go back into the wild. Put trackers on them so you can know where they are at. But on the trackers put where you can hear if the animal get attacked or something.

But let the endangered ones go out into the wild for a day or two. And we could put more money in on the Zoos and stuff so the animals can have bigger environments. Because the animals could fly around, move around, dig underground. And the reason I think the endangered ones should be put in man made environments is

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Because there fur, claws, horns, and stuff is worth a lot of money because there endangered On the environments build them in the country where the animal come from. And let the animals choose there mates. On the nonendangered put them in the wild to make room for the endangered ones that need our help.

S and P Score Point 1+

No clear sentence structure throughout the paper.
 Fragments. Starts many sentences with "But" "And" "Because." Use of commas could correct fragment problem.
 No attempt at paragraphing.
 A few complete sentences.

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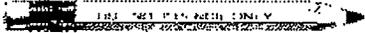
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My opinion about whether animals should live in the wild or man-made environments is that they should be out in the wild living how ever they want to live their lives, but at the same time when they are living in man-made environments, they were being protected from hunters, predators, & from becoming extinct.

While they were in the man-made environment they would start forgetting how to survive in the wild, and would only be doing the same thing day after day. I know if it were me I would just go crazy being stuck in the same place for a very long time, & wouldn't even get to choose my own mate, & just be forced to love someone you might hate, or just wouldn't want to be with, but your whole race depends on it.

But if it were to save my race I would have done



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it. I just hope that one day people would understand how it would feel to be an animal locked up just for protection, & that's my opinion on why animals should be living in the wild.

S and P Score Point 2-
Limited variety of sentence structure, type, and length.
Run-ons -First introductory sentence is one long run-on.
Second paragraph, second sentence, is another long run-on.
Fragment begins the third paragraph.
Brief paper with few sentence successes.
Attempt at paragraphing.



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Animals should be kept in zoos. Zoos have better protection than the wild world. The animals will be living healthier, especially with the protection. They have the better chances of staying alive in a zoo than nature. They would get fed better. It would be easier to get food living in the zoo. They have healthier lifestyles. They would even get to be visited by people. Little children, even big children, and parents too, love animals! Going to the zoo and visiting animals is just delightful! It is better to keep the animals in a zoo, because it is not always like that in the nature.

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The zoo money also helps out the animals. Maybe the money that the zoo gets, buys their food, maybe even their protection. The zoo money also helps out Asia and Africa. That is just wonderful! The people visiting the zoo, it changes their attitude towards the animals. It can make them want an animal of there own. In a zoo the animals probably get treated with more respect, than they do in the wild.

In the zoo it helps the environment more. It is helping the animals more. It lets them play, climb, jump, and have fun. The zoo lets it have friends and not be lonely. The animals have and take better chances in a zoo than the nature. In nature animals have to hunt for the food. In a zoo they get fed and don't have to hunt.

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Nature has less protection than a zoo. A zoo has the most protection, that an animal can have. In nature an animal can feel lonely, but in the zoo, it can feel loved and wanted. Getting visited everyday by different people. Feeling the wonders all around it.

In the wild, it probably won't be as healthy as an animal in the zoo. It won't be getting fed as much as it needs to. Or maybe sometimes it don't even get fed. It has to protect the children. Yeah, it's good for it to learn how to protect and feed its children. But it would just be better for it to have protection. Not for it to just be shown in a zoo, but parks also.

Parks also have great protection for animals than the wild.

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Parks can take just as good care of an animal, as a zoo would. That is my statement of why an animal would be more protected, wanted, and loved in a zoo, than in the wild.

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Score Point 2

Limited variety of sentence structure, type, and length.
Many sentences beginning with the word "They" "In a zoo"
"The zoo" "In nature" "in the wild" "Parks also" "Parks can"
Fragments - "Getting visited everyday by different people."
"Feeling the wonders all around it." "But it would just be better for it to have protection."

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Animals are fascinating in a bunch of ways for example who knew that polar bears can last to the very coldest temperatures. Amazing right/well did you also know that they were endangered and were almost extinct until people created man-made environment like a zoo or a park where their are no danger (like hunters or predators) and we take care of the animals by providing food, shelter, treatment, and care. Man-made environments like zoos are places that help animals from extinction, sickness, hunters, and predators. They also provide a shelter for them to live in and food to eat. They also provide treatment for them if they sick or something. They help ~~endangered~~ animals become more-endangered because there are no hunters or predators to get them so they won't have to worry about danger and repopulate and get off that list. You can also go to the zoo or park to visit

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or enjoy animals. You can also study about animals and learn things you never knew about them.

In the wild animals are becoming more extinct and more threatened because there are more predators and hunters than that one particular animal. So the wild isn't always the good place for endangered species, so they should be put in the man-made environment so they can repopulate and once again I say off the list.

The three passages were about my opinion on where animals especially endangered animals should be kept. I hope I changed your mind on animals in zoos and parks.

S and P Score Point 2+

Limited variety of sentence structure, type, and length.
 Many sentences start with the word "They" "You" and "So."
 Several run-on sentences in the first and third paragraph.
 Attempt at paragraphing.

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Should animals live in zoos or in their natural habitat? They both have disadvantages and advantages.

If they live in the zoo they will be fed daily. They can get medical attention if they need it. There will be people there to give them the attention they need such as medical, loving affection and any other attention you can think of. There will be controlled climates so they can live in the same climate as the one in the wild. They won't have to worry about any predators while they are in the zoo trying to eat or kill them. They won't have to worry about any

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poachers hunting them for trophies. It's possible for all the inhabitants of the zoo to live a good life.

They also have disadvantages such as not being able to roam as far as they desire. The animals are treated differently for example, the older animals aren't going to be put out in the public where everyone can see them, they'll be put in the back where they might be used for breeding purposes. The younger ones will be put up close for everyone to see because of course people would rather see a cute young seal jumping up and down full of energy and excitement than an old scarred up fat one that just lays there all day and eats.

Parrots have been observed grooming themselves so much that they don't have any feathers left on their body. Tigers have paced around all

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day from boredom. The animals need more room to roam around and play, get some energy out and exercise.

If the animals lived in the wild as nature intended they could live better or worse.

The ways they could live better are, they would be able to run for miles without stopping because of a fence or ~~ex~~ barrier keeping them from going on. They could be social and interact with all the other species in the wild. They would learn how to hunt and all the other stuff that wild animals are supposed to do. They would live a more free and exciting lifestyle. They wouldn't get stressed so easily. They could roam around and have a lot more fun.

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The disadvantages are that they wouldn't live as long in the wild as they would in the zoo. They could die from illnesses. There would be predators that would be looking for prey. They could starve to death where as in the zoo they wouldn't have to worry about that.

I think that they should keep the animals in the zoo that are endangered or ill. After they are better then you could release them into the wild before they lose all of their instincts.

S and P Score Point 3-

Variety of sentence structure, type, and length.

Less variety as paper advances. The use of the word "They" increases and hinders the sentence variety in pages 3 and 4.

Evidence of paragraphing.

The student has control of sentence formation, but lacks variety as the paper continues.

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I personally think endangered animals should be kept in nature parks. The first thing I will talk about is how a nature park is better than a zoo. Next I will discuss how it promotes natural behavior. Finally I will talk about how it has been beneficial to the endangered species.

Nature parks are almost like the wild but there are certain limits. Animals have specific enclosures in a zoo, but in a nature park they are mixed with all sorts of animals. In a zoo animals are fed at certain times and

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a certain amount. Nature parks allow them to hunt with a varied diet.

Being in a zoo usually makes the animals behave different, because they are in a small pen or enclosure. They are used to running around in a big area. In a nature park they can hunt, and run around like they are in the wild. That's why nature parks tend to make the animals have a natural behavior.

Nature parks have a breeding program which increases the number of endangered animals. That's one way it is beneficial to endangered animals. Some human activities have a negative impact on the animals, so a nature park is one way to help stop that.

With all that being said I honestly think nature parks are safer, more like the

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Some people think that zoos aren't always the best thing for some animals. Some think that letting animals live in the wild would be better than locking them up in a zoo. In my opinion, zoos are good for animals too.

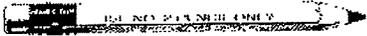
Zoos can sometimes have their differences. Zoos are also a great place to put a lot of wild animals. Yeah it might be hard at first, and maybe a little dangerous for the people catching them. At least we know they're not starving in a zoo. Animals that are in zoos (or anything else, like a safari) get fed daily. They don't have to hunt for prey. Animals always get treated well at zoos. I like zoos because you get to see

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a lot of animals that you don't get to see in an everyday life. If there wasn't zoos, a lot of people wouldn't get to see the kinds of animals that they have there. Yeah, not all animals get to roam free, but at least they get treated well.

Animals in the wildlife, however, do get to roam free. They get all the room they want to do whatever they like. Living in the wild doesn't always have a good advantage to what they get to do. They still have to hunt for their food, unlike animals that are in the zoo. Living in the wild could make a lot of the animals become extinct faster. Some animals in the wild are very harmful, but yet a lot of them do have a beautiful background. When animals in the wild get sick, they don't have anyone to heal them like they would at a zoo.

They both have their advantages and disadvantages. We all have our own



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opinions about them. Sometimes when animals are brought to a zoo, some of the same species tend to make a new habitat with what they have. Wild animals that aren't in a zoo get to keep the habitat they have, and are able to bring more and more in.

Having zoos can always be a good thing, but everything always has their disadvantages.

S and P Score Point 3+

Variety of sentence structure, type, and length. "Some animals in the wild are very harmful, but yet a lot of them do have a beautiful background. When animals in the wild get sick, they don't have anyone to heal them like they would at a zoo."

Control of sentence structure.

Evidence of paragraphing.

Few fragments or run-ons.

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Zoo's, nature parks, and wild life reserves are much more than places animals are held. These places are saving the existance of all of the animals we have today. Animals face many challenges living in the wild, humans are cutting down their homes, polluting forests, and hunting the animals down. Zoo's, nature parks, and wild life reserves are trying to save animals by giving them a safe home and caring for the animals.

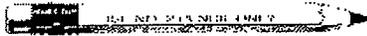
Humans are having a heavy impact on the lives of animals. People are cutting down trees to make highways and Buildings, without considering where the animals that lived in those trees were going to live. Hunting is also a big problem. Humans

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find and kill animals for their fur and meat, making some animals endangered and almost extinct. Pollution is another problem. People litter and they don't know where their trash is going to end up and it most likely lands in some animal's home.

Animals are safer from hunters in "protected places" like nature parks. Hunters are not allowed to hunt in these kind of places, because of the safety of the animals. When animals are sick or wounded they can receive medical treatment to help them recover. Animals are also able to reproduce through a breeding program. These animals are building up the population so that they are less likely to become extinct.

However, when animals are in zoo's, nature parks, or wild life reserves for a long period of time they start to forget basic survival skills like hunting and how to protect themselves from predators. This can be very dangerous for the animals when they are released from the animal protection center.



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Also with all of the breeding some of the living spaces can become over crowded. This is not good for the animals. Although the more animals their are the less chance they have of becoming extinct.

Animals need humans to help them continue to live on for many years. We cant do that if we are slowly killing them. Animals should live in zoo's, nature parks, and wild life reserves.

These places are the safest places for animals to reproduce. Some of the animals should be released back into the wild so that they dont forget their survival skills.

S and P Score Point 4-
 Rich variety of sentence structure, type, and length.
 Sentence variety example one - "People litter and they don't know where their trash is going to end up and it most likely lands in some animals home." Incorrect punctuation does not affect sentence variety.
 Example two - "However when animals are in zoo's, nature parks, or wild life reserves for a long period of time they start to forget basic survival skills like, hunting and how to protect themselves from predators."
 Evidence of appropriate paragraphing.
 Few if any fragments or run-ons. "Animals face many challenges living in the wild, humans are cutting down their homes, polluting forests, and hunting the animals down."

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The number of some animal species are dropping, most likely because their habitat has been destroyed, or because the animal has been hunted. Either way, human contact has done no good for these animals. It is also known that animals are determined creatures, traveling long distances in search of a mate, food, or water, but they cannot do such things if they are deceased. The facts that I have just stated are the reasons why I believe that animals, including endangered animals, should live in man-made environments.

Even though man-made environments may sound bad, they actually aren't. One way people kept certain animals off the edge of extinction was by establishing nature parks and sanctuaries. The article "The Impact of Animal Protection" states that in these areas animals are safe and will not be harmed. The article also says that "the public

is often allowed to enjoy these animals by driving through the reserves and viewing the animals in a wide-open atmosphere, which is a great bonus. There is a flaw in this system though, and it is forced breeding. In supervised breeding programs, animals usually do not choose their own mate like they would in the wild, and even though it helps increase their numbers, there are times when some animals fail to reproduce.

In the article "Do Animals Lose in Zoos?" it talks about the improvement in the zoos we have today. The article said that "modern zoos pride themselves as centers for scientific research" and that they're "on a mission to educate people about animals and protect the animals in the wild." The negative effect of animals living in zoos is the restrictions they face. One obvious restriction is the lack of space, because it is no surprise that animals, similar to humans, need space to be free. They need to be able to run, hunt, and use the wild instincts they were born with. While all of this is true, we also know that some animals need to be well fed, protected and treated by veterinarians, which are things that a zoo provides.

Another positive thing about man-made environments is that animals live longer there than in the wild, and that is

stated in "Do Animals Lose in Zoos?" Also, in the first article "The Impact of Animal Protection" it said that after time, some animals were sent back to the wild. The negative side of this is that the "release can be dangerous for animals since they will now be forced to hunt for prey and use their instincts and survival skills once again." I think that sending the animal back to its natural habitat is a good thing, but that the animal should be prepared and practiced so that it can survive.

Some people may believe that animals should be left alone to enjoy the wild, but I think it would be hard to do, what with all the destruction of nature and killing of animals. If we left the animals to fend for themselves, over time, there would be few animals left. Even though animals are such strong, majestic creatures, they are going extinct. It may be disheartening, but it is true. That is why I believe that animals, including endangered animals, should live in man-made environments.

S and P Score Point 4

Rich variety of sentence structure, type, and length.

Sentence variety example one - "In supervised breeding programs, animals usually do not choose their own mate like they would in the wild, and even though it helps increase their numbers, there are times when some animals fail to reproduce."

Evidence of appropriate paragraphing.

Few if any fragments or run-ons.

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The five things i am gonna tell you about is all to save animals. One protecting them, getting research from that animal, helping them live longer, breeding the animals to make more and the main one live in man made environments.

The first one is protecting them. there is hunters that will kill and use the fur, by making rugs or mount it on there wall. The other one is selling there meat and body parts. A couple years ago i remember watching a show and a bears heart went for 10000 dollars.

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Next is getting research from that animal. We need to see how they live what is there behaviors are what do they like to eat. Its just the small stuff we need to know about these animals.

The next one is help them live a little longer. Its a fact that animals live longer in a zoo. The animals dont have to worry about food, or getting sick they get treat by veterinarians. Dont get hunted or getting trapped. These are all the reasons that i want some animals in a man made environment i know it takes away there freedom but I would rather be alive then have alot of space then die what would you rather do.

GUM Score Point 1-

Demonstrates little or no command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuations, and spelling.

Errors are numerous and severely impede readability.

Random capitals throughout paper.

Wrong verb tense. "There is hunters"

There for their.

No command.

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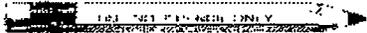
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I think animals should be kept in the wild because they don't need our help. Their instincts tell them to hunt and they don't need to be locked in a cage.

I think zoos are fun to go to and see the animals but they don't have any room to run or play. They don't get to have ~~the~~ other animals with them in the cage.

I believe that if an animal is endangered people should hunt other animals. I like hunting but if deer became endangered I would not hunt them. If an animal is endangered you need to let the population build up.



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I believe that keeping animals natural habitat is the right thing. I also believe hunting is the right thing. Hunting keeps from overpopulation.

GUM Score Point 1

Demonstrates little or no command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuations, and spelling.

Errors are numerous and severely impede readability.

No command. Multiple, varied errors, throughout the paper.

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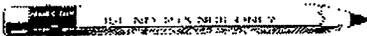
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Animals should be free so they can fly, swim around climb and explore. They should not be miss treated in the zoo with all the cages I think that the vet should be the one who help's it and then lets it go. The animals did not ask you to take them and put them in a cage. So that them back in the wild so they can have a midnight snack!!!
It does not help the animals unless Humans stop destroying their Habitats!!
Stop putting animals in cages

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It is the same thing as cutting down the habitats. US humans cause a lot of the extinction hunting, fishing, cutting trees every day stuff. Do you hunt or fish or have you cut down a tree? What about did you think about the animals hunt? For food and they are limited in a zoo how much they can move around? I know because I hunt, fish cut trees I have done just about all of it. The cages are just not right. The animals should be released back into the wild for the zoo's gold star of the week and they can feel good and the animals



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will be better in the wild.
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better and are not miss
treated.

GUM Score Point 1+
Demonstrates little or no command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuations, and spelling.
Errors are numerous and severely impede readability.
Punctuation errors interior and missing at the end of sentences.
Possessive errors - "help's"
Random capitalization errors.
Standard English grammar - "Us humans cause a lot of the extinction hunting, fishing, cuting trees every day stuff." (errors severely impede readability)

Handwriting practice lines for the student's response.

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I think they should be in a controlled environment if they are endangered. Animals will try to kill them if they are not in a zoo. The animals in a zoo can get medical help that they couldn't in the wild. If you keep trying the animals will reproduce. Animals in zoos are healthier than the animals in the wild. People that go to the zoos can see the bad impacts on endangered species that were living in the big wild or in a nature park. However, animals living in the wild actually hunt for their food and they can mate in the wild. Animals can get stressed in zoos. Animals also need a lot of space to ~~run~~ jump, splash or fly. In the great outdoors or wild, they are protected laws against illegal hunting.

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The animals have a different behavior after being confined to a small area.

I think that animals should be protected from all the dangers of living in the wild. There are many dangers in the wild.

GUM Score Point 2-

Errors do not impede readability.

Errors are distracting.

Spelling errors and internal random capitalization errors.

Capitalizes first word of every sentence.

Demonstrates some command, but exhibits many errors in a short paper.

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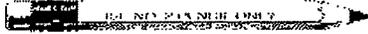
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Animals and endangered Animals should live in zoo's or nature parks. When their in man-made areas people can see them. It helps protect them from hunters, pretaters and people building roads, house and Citys on their homes. It makes people be aware of whats happing to them. When their starting to become extimct Zoo's can breed them and have offspring to help populate. Some times they put them back in the wild too. They also teand to be heathier too. They have, controled, enviornments. So they will have the temp they need.

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Living in wild has good and bad things. There's hunters killing them for fur, meat and other parts of them. Their homes can be destroyed by storms, people, or other animals. Between all that they can become endangered without help they can become extinct. Loins have to go days without food or water. They also have to travel miles and miles to get to a water hole. But they have to use their natural behavior which is good because they don't live in zoo's.

So I think they have a better chance in zoo's than in the wild. There's more of



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a chance they will not become extinct. They have better living ways. They get feed instead of having to hunt. They are giving water instead of having to look for water. Their homes will not be destroyed. No one will hunt them. They will live longer. They may lose some of their natural behavior but they will live a longer happier life.

GUM Score Point 2

Demonstrates limited command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Readability is not impacted but errors are distracting. Variety of numerous errors throughout the paper.

Simple spelling errors, (pretaters, happing, some times, teand, other, wich becuse...) word usage (their for they're) (there for their) contractions (there's for there are) (whats for what's)

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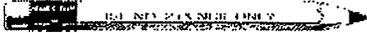
Have you ever wonder why zoos were created. Zoos were created to protect, care for, and increase the population of animals. Without this help, that zoos provid we may not have all of these wonderful animals we have today.

First of all zoos make it easier for animals to survive. This takes some of the stres off of this animal to survive. Without this stres the animal can life longer than in the wild. Now

this animal can have a happier and healthier life.

These animals are also given proper food and care. Each animal is given proper shots and medication to keep the animal healthy. They are also put in special habitats. If these animals were in the wild they would have to find food and water. And in the wild these animals do not get the medical care they need. This is just one of the advantages of living in the zoo.

Most importantly the zoo provides the animal with protection. Protection from prey and other animals. These animals are also protected in safe



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environments, that are almost exactly like their environment in the wild.

Zoos are no where close to the size of the animals wild environment. And some people say that animals do not have a lot of space to life, grow, and reproduce. To solve this zoos can expand on those habitats and those animals will have more space to life, grow, and reproduce.

Thanks to zoos now animals can have protection, be cared for, and live a longer and happier lives than they did in the wild.

GUM Score Point 2+

Demonstrates limited command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as punctuation, and spelling. Readability is not impacted, but errors are distracting.

Missing punctuation (commas).

Spelling errors - provid, stres, medican, reproduc

Grammar - wonder for wondered, life for live, lifes for life.

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Do you think animals should have to live in zoos or other wildlife parks? Honestly, I don't think it's fair to them. Let me tell you some reasons why I think they shouldn't.

First, some animals aren't made to be pets. Yes cats and dogs are, but lions and tigers are not. Animals such as zebras, lions, and tigers are made to run free. Other animals such as cats, dogs, and horses can be pets cause they are made to be kind. Although cats are cheetahs relatives down the line, some cats are calm and could make great bestfriends.

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Second, when animals get taken away from their habitats they tend to lose how they live. In zoos or other wildlife parks they give you shelter, food, and they protect you. As in the wild life you're by yourself. You don't have someone there watching every step you make. Every move you make you're risking life or death. But in zoos you're cared for, so when they release you back in the wild you have to start all over again. You have to learn how to do things by yourself.

Although some zoos may treat their animals poorly. You may never know. Back then they use to compare zoos to a prison. Animals need space to run free and fly. They can't do that if they're trapped in a building their whole life. They would start to get lonely and depressed.

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Some people say animals live longer in zoos, but is it true? Yeah they aren't being harmed from other animals. But are they happy living in a building their entire life? You may be alive on the outside, but if you're not happy on the inside what's the point. Animals shouldn't be forced to live there. They need fresh air. They need to roam around in the wild, where they belong. Zoos are great don't get me wrong, but they belong out in the wild.

Also what about the other animals out there? They all depend on each other. Animals will start to die of starvation because there will be no more animals left. Then what would we do? Believe it or not but animals have their own cycle. They all prey on each other, day and night.

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These are my reasons why I think animals should stay in the wild and not in zoos. Some people may not agree with me, but I believe this is right.

GUM Score Point 3-
Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.
Third paragraph is confusing due to incorrect pronoun "you" for animal.
Few errors that do not distract or interfere with readability in a four page paper.
Errors may be more noticeable but do not significantly affect readability.

Blank lined area for writing or additional notes.

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Some people believe that animals should live in nature parks, because of the environment in the wild. I believe that these animals should live in their natural habitat, because many animals in the sanctuaries, or national parks are treated cruel. Animals that are in parks and sanctuaries repeat what they do all day long. Animals in the wild can do anything they want to do such as hunt, sleep, eat, and reproduce. Wild animals should be watched everyday to observe their natural habitats and what they do.

Why do most animals in the zoo live longer than the wild animals? They are treated by veterinarians when they are hurt, or sick. Animals in the parks usually get a full course meal. They can play with other animals of their same kind. The animals are on protected land, so they aren't able to be hunted, or killed.

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Why are some animals released back into the wild after a few years? They are released back into the wild so they can reproduce and increase their population. Most animals in the wild get more exercise than the animals in the parks. The animals in the wild can find food more easily than animals in national parks.

Why is a National Park or Sanctuary sometimes a safe place for animals? Most of the animals are becoming endangered. People are killing the animals for their fur, bones, and meat. Animals are forced to reproduce in national parks and sanctuaries so they will no longer be endangered. Animals should be able to live free and not in national parks.

GUM Score Point 3

Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Few comma errors.

"There" incorrectly used for they're and their.

Few minor errors that do not affect readability.

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Why would we want to surround animals in a new environment? The wild is their home like this is our home. We should not take them out of their natural habitat and put them behind bars, gates, or fences. They should be able to be free just as we are. Animals need space to do what they would normally do in the wild. For example, "flying, running, roaming, and much more!" People can't expect to learn their natural ways if they see the animals at the zoo. They act differently because it is not what they are used to.

Animals also shouldn't be kept in any type of controlled environment because they can't even choose

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their own mates. "What if you couldn't?" Homes of the animals need to be protected rather than destroyed. Animal homes are being destroyed because of us. We should not pollute ours or their environment. Animals should be able to stick to their own diet, but we are taking that away, because of these environments.

They should be kept in the wild to where they belong. If we do less constructing maybe we could save their home. All the animals have their own way of living and when we take that away from them they don't know what to do. They can't go to where they would normally go to eat, drink, sleep, or hunt. It's as if we are taking their natural behaviors away and forcing new ones amongst them. Yes they do live longer in these protected or controlled environments, but they die in the wild because that's how it's supposed to be. Of course they have predators, so do we.

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In a zoo it's like they have to be taught how to live their life. It should not be like that. Every animal that lives in the wild adapts to their place. They have their own ways of hiding, hunting, and living. When they're in a controlled environment or a zoo they have to adapt differently and don't know what they are doing and how to live. It's not

We should be able to protect them and their homes so they won't have to go to different habitats. Animals of all kind should be kept free. The wild is their home and that's all they know it is a place where they interact with each other, run together, fly together, eat together, and live together. If they die because of predators it is only because that is how it was meant to be. If you want an animal to truly be happy you keep them in their home. Let them be. Watch them on how they act. Animals

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Should be kept in the wild and nowhere else.

GUM Score Point 3+

Demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

Lacking commas with sentences that begin with a subordinate clause.

"animals homes" (animals' homes)

word usage - "They should be kept in the wild to where they belong."

Misspell their throughout the paper. "thier" (their)

"their life" (their lives) agreement error.

Errors are minor and do not affect readability.

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Writing Topic:

People have different viewpoints about whether animals, including endangered animals, should live in the wild or in man-made environments. Write an argument whether any animal should be kept in a controlled environment, such as zoos or nature parks. Be sure to state a claim and address an opposing claim using evidence presented in both passages.

One may argue zoological parks and nature sanctuaries safeguard animals from the outside world. Nevertheless, the opposite holds true. Confined and freedomless, the wild ~~creates~~ of controlled habits imitate prisoners' behavioral traits, lacking any right to make significant decisions. Although they have independence when placed into their original, native habitat, the reliance on humans for food, care, and supplies often never disappears. Non-domesticated animals should live in their natural environment, the wild, with no interference by people to prevent behavioral issues and limited freedom in zoos, along with difficult transitions back to the life of the wild.

Offering miniscule room for healthy living, zoos and sanctuaries directly cause behavioral issues

in; creatures that were once used to traveling hundreds upon thousands of miles weekly. Because of forced reproduction, new habitats exist as overcrowded and unnatural. ~~However, these parks and sanctuaries attempted to solve these problems by constructing multi-million dollar enclosures that have only wasted money. Visitors witness everything but nature; they experience a fake, man-made culture. Without space to roam, animals should not live in controlled environments.~~ However, these parks and sanctuaries attempted to solve these problems by constructing multi-million dollar enclosures that have only wasted money. Visitors witness everything but nature; they experience a fake, man-made culture. Without space to roam, animals should not live in controlled environments.

In their enclosures, wild creatures lack the right of making any substantial decisions from their partner to their diet, like ~~how~~ ~~when~~ children are treated by their parents. Park rangers and zookeepers force reproduction between cute, good-looking animals to produce an intriguing offspring. Provided with food, these wild creatures no longer hunt for prey that would please them. Dependence on people for survival creates problems for a creature's future offspring and so on, even when brought back into

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the wild. Controlled environments alter animal way of life.

Upon entrance back into their ancestral home, formerly controlled creatures struggle to survive. Exposed to other animals for the first time, animals lack the knowledge on how to interact because of previous segregation at zoological parks and nature sanctuaries. Others starve, expecting people to provide food for them. Failing to fit in established hierarchies within nature, animals sometimes face a death sentence. Although eventual natural independence is necessary, it is difficult to ~~adapt~~ ^{adjust} following periods of human reliance, once again showing that these creatures belong in one place only: nature.

Yet, others believe zoos and sanctuaries offer protection for animals from the perilous environment on the exterior. Zoo animals receive food, veterinary care, and other luxuries non-existing in the wild. Due to less disturbing, it has been proven these animals live longer than their wild counterparts. Endangered animals have the ability to breed, lacking predators. According to the National Science Foundation, captive creatures

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affect people too: they inspire protection. Nonetheless, the downsides of authoritative environments outweigh the benefits. Limited space, human dependency, and rough transitions to their original home still exist.

Lacking freedom and decisions, coinciding with struggles to survive on the outside, animals living in zoological parks and nature sanctuaries are mistreated indirectly. The effects of this captivity of wild creatures will linger for generations to come. Some argue protection of these animals is essential, but if people are the only defenders, how will these creatures ever survive alone?

Perhaps captive creatures should be released to at least begin solving this problem. Because animals living in controlled environments is not working.

GUM Score Point 4+

Effectively demonstrates command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage as well as capitalization, punctuation, and spelling.

"In their enclosures, wild creatures lack the right of making any substantial decisions from their partner to their diet." "intriguing offspring" "previous segregation"

(4+ paper across all traits)