



SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Raptors

K-3 Classroom Activities

Raptor Stamps

OBJECTIVE

The student will identify general biographical information about a raptor.

ACTION

1. Define what makes a bird a raptor using the background information.
2. Explain that each student will be researching a particular raptor. The students may select which raptor they want to research. However, there should only be one species of raptor assigned to each student. The following raptors are suggestions:

bald eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

American kestrel *Falco sparverius*

screech owl *Otus asio*

spectacled owl *Pulsatrix perspicillata*

golden eagle *Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*

merlin *Falco columbarius*

burrowing owl *Athene cunicularia*

gyrfalcon *Falcon rusticolus*

bateleur eagle *Terathopius ecaudatus*

barn owl *Tyto alba*

barred owl *Strix varia*

saw-whet owl *Aegolius acadicus*

red-tailed hawk *Buteo jamaicensis*

great horned owl *Bubo virginianus*

osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

California condor *Gymnogyps californianus*

peregrine falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Northern goshawk *Accipiter gentiles*

Northern harrier *Circus cyaneus*

Steller's sea eagle *Haliaeetus pelagicus*

snowy owl *Nyctea scandiaca*

sharp-shinned hawk *Accipiter striatus*

Northern pygmy owl *Glaucidium californicum*

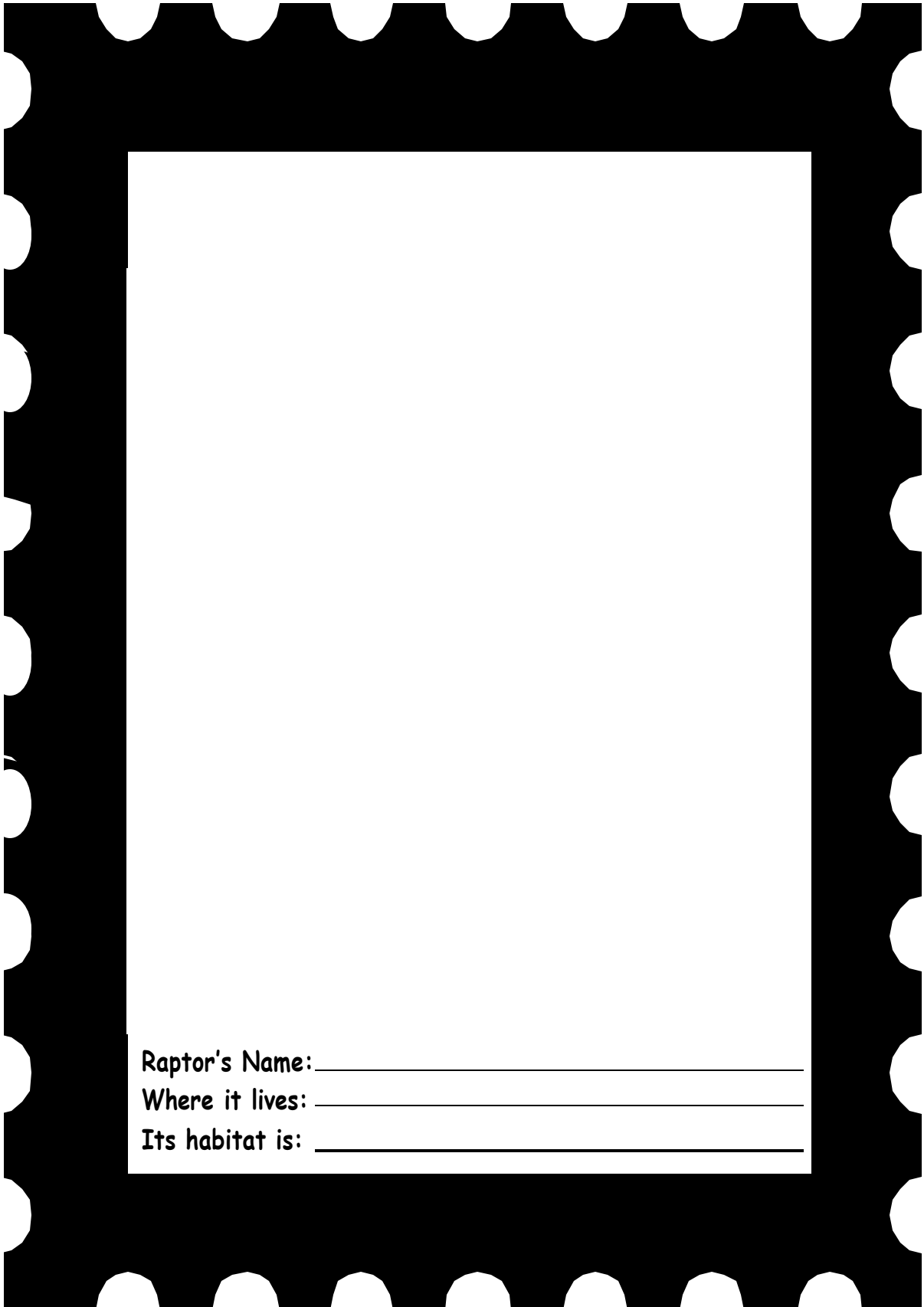
red-shouldered hawk *Buteo lineatus*

3. Instruct students to research the range and habitat of their raptor.
4. Explain that students are going to create a stamp for their assigned raptor. Distribute the stamp worksheet. The students will draw a picture of their assigned raptor on the designated side of the stamp worksheet and write the biographical information on the bottom. (Students may choose to create a collage for their raptor using photographs).
5. Hang the stamps around the room to display the students' art work.

MATERIALS

- one stamp worksheet for each student
- Library and/or internet access
- pencils
- color markers or crayons

Raptor Stamp Funsheet



Raptor's Name: _____

Where it lives: _____

Its habitat is: _____