

Book of Animal Poetry

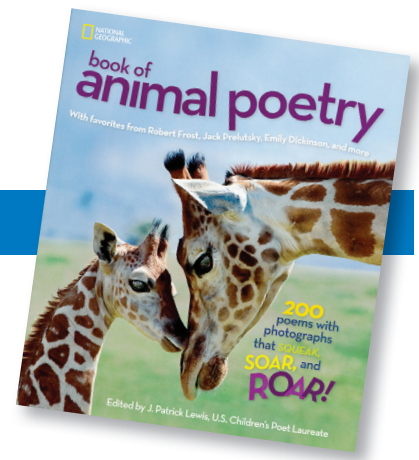
A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Animals, Habitats

Book Brief: Two hundred classic and contemporary poems, along with stunning pictures, gives readers insights into the world of animals large and small.

Author: Edited by J. Patrick Lewis

Content Connections: Science, Language Arts, Social Studies



TIME TO READ!

BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

emotion and inspire you to want to look in this book?

The Pictures: This book is divided by categories. Share the different sections with students. How do the pictures add to understanding the different poems? Do the pictures reflect the category titles?

Prior Knowledge: Of the many different kinds of poetry, find out which ones your students are familiar with. Use this book over time to illustrate examples of different poetic forms.

The Cover: How does the cover illustration evoke

Vocabulary: will vary from poem to poem

Purpose for Reading: Poems have different forms, themes, and purposes. Make connections by asking, "Why do you suppose the editor chose this poem? Why put this poem in this category? What does the poem add to the information about the animal?"



WHILE WE READ



MONITORING COMPREHENSION

For each poem, ask the following questions:

◆ What kind of poem is this?

- ◆ What facts about this animal did you learn from this poem?
- ◆ What poetic devices does the poet use?
- ◆ Are there any examples of figurative language?
- ◆ Does it rhyme? If so, what is the rhyme scheme?

LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: "Why did the editor feel this poem most appropriate for this category? How does the poet paint a picture with words?"

Extending Our Thinking: Choose a poem. Brainstorm with a partner to see if you can think of another animal this poem could have been about. If so, how would you change the title of the poem to reflect the new animal? Describe the type of habitat the animal in the poem lives in. What details from the poem led you to this conclusion?

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.



Reading Is Fundamental