Adaptations and Characteristics of Life (COL)

1. Check the following boxes as you complete the tasks:

* + Find an article on an organism of your choice on Science in Context in the library media databases.
  + Evaluate the article with the CRAAP TEST to make sure it is a useful article.
  + Describe the habitat that this community of organisms call home (ocean, lake, stream, wetland, forest, meadow, desert, tundra, rainforest, etc.)
  + Pick 3 COL’s and describe how your organism shows them with 3 adaptations.

(Hint: match 3 adaptations with 3 COL’s)

* + The information above must be in a paragraph. (1/2 page)

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| **Project Component** | **Possible Points** | **Points Earned** |
| Did you mention the organism’s name?  (BOTH common and scientific names) | 2 |  |
| Have you described its habitat in DETAIL? | 1 |  |
| Did you discuss at least three adaptations that show the organism has all the Characteristics of Life?  (list the C.O.L.’s below for reference)  a.  b.  c.  d.  e. | 6 |  |
| Does the article pass the CRAAP TEST? | 1 |  |
| Have you provided the citation for the article?  Use APA or MLA format | 1 |  |
| **Total:** | **10 points** |  |