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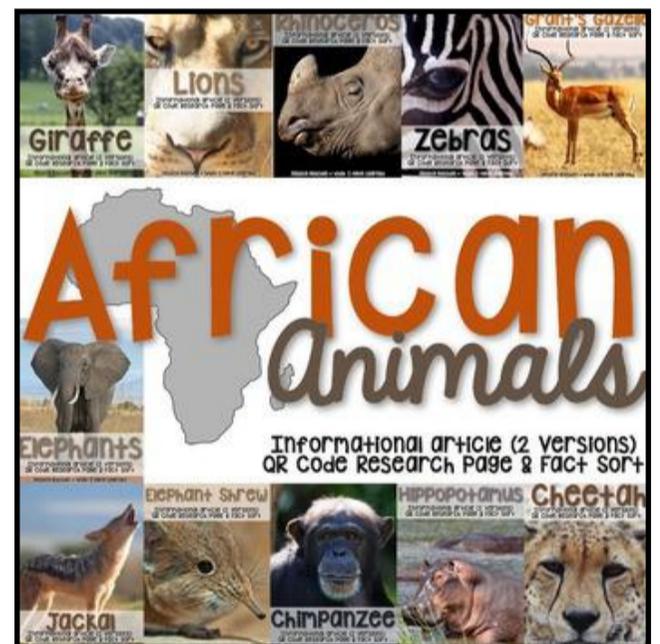
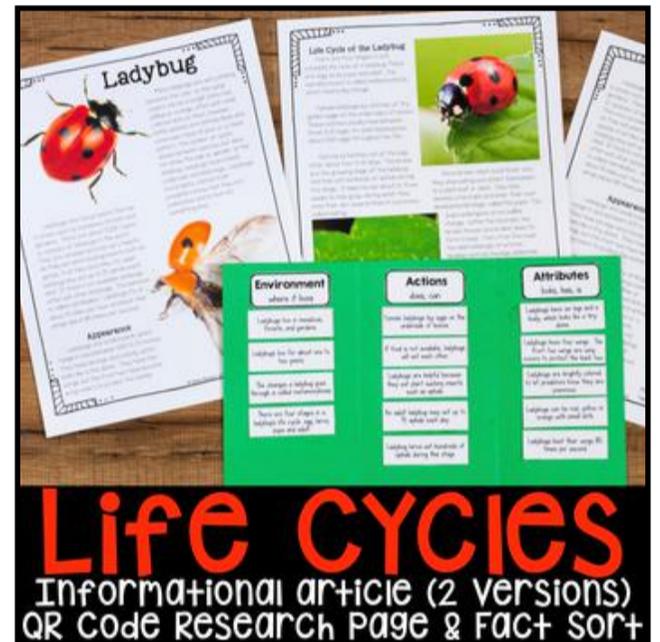


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# Teacher Notes

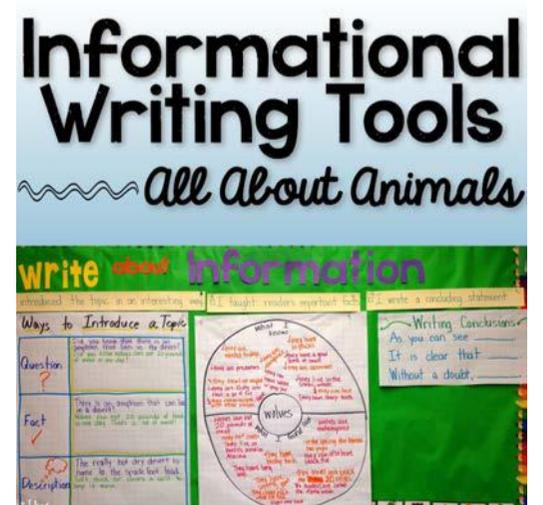
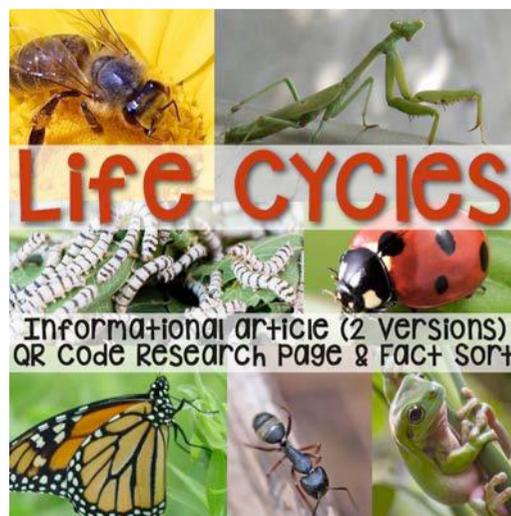
The following article is written at a second and third grade reading level. It follows a similar format to other Animal Articles and can be used for animal reports, informational reading, or text analysis. The sentence length, structure, and vocabulary have been controlled to make the text easier for young readers to understand.

The article comes in two formats: One full-page black-and-white article and one two-page article with colorful pictures. The articles have the same text. The only difference is the pictures.

The QR codes are for websites and videos that give additional information about the animal. If you find any links that do not work, please email me and I will fix it promptly. Videos are from a variety of websites, including YouTube (via SafeTube). There are two pages of QR Codes. One page has the YouTube links and the other page has the SafeTube links. Make sure you can access YouTube or SafeTube at your school.

The fact sort sheets contain facts taken directly from the text. I use them to help students organize information from the text when writing about the animals. Either use the provided categories or have students do an open sort and create their own categories.

I often use these articles during our informational writing unit. You can find more about this unit in this blog post.



# Frog

Frogs are amphibians, which means they can live both in and out of water. There are about 4,800 different types or species of frogs. They live in many places on the planet, but especially in tropical rainforests. Frogs have lungs, but they can also breathe through their skin. Frogs are carnivorous and eat mainly insects and small animals like earthworms, minnows and spiders. Many male frogs sing with grunts and croaks to attract females.

## Appearance

The largest frog is the giant or Goliath frog found in Africa. It can grow about a foot long. The smallest frog is about 0.4 inches long. Frogs have long, strong hind legs to help them hop long distances. The front legs or arms are shorter. The cricket frog, which is only 1.5 inches long, can leap 40 times its body length in one hop.

Some frogs have webbed feet and some of them have suction pads on their toes to help them climb. Frogs have a wide variety of skin colors. Some are very well camouflaged and are plain brown, gray or green. Others are poisonous and show this to other animals by having vivid patterns of bright red, yellow, black and blue skin. Many frogs have smooth skins but others have lumps and bumps called warts. Some of these frogs with bumps are called toads. Toads are a type of frog.

## Life Cycle of the Frog

There are four stages in one complete life cycle of a frog. These are: egg, larva (tadpole), froglet and adult. The overall process is called metamorphosis, which means big change.

Female frogs usually lay their eggs in water. They often lay thousands of eggs together which become covered in a jelly-like substance. This mass of eggs is called frogspawn. The eggs soon begin to grow and form larvae, or tadpoles. Organs such as the tails and gills begin to form. This stage lasts for three to 25 days depending on the species.

The tadpoles then break out of the jelly, attach themselves to underwater plants, and start to develop. At first, tadpoles look like small fish with large heads, external gills, and long tails. After about five weeks, they begin to grow hind legs. These are soon followed by the front legs, and then the tadpoles' tail starts to shorten. This stage is a frog's life is sometimes called a froglet.

It takes two weeks to several months for a fully developed adult frog with lungs, legs and no tail to emerge from the water. The adult frog lives mostly on land, but will sometimes go for a swim.

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# Websites



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# Frog Note Taking Sheet

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**Appearance**

**Life Cycle**

**Three  
Other Facts**

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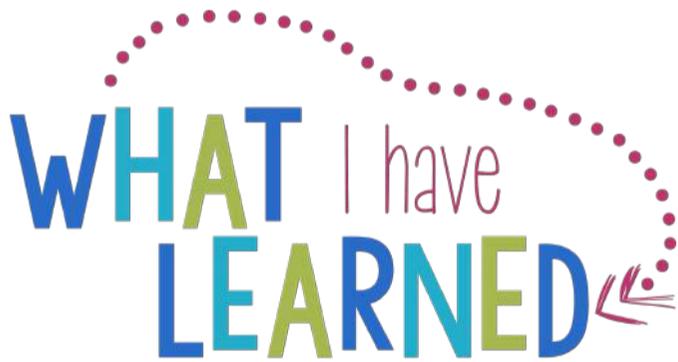
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