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| **Subject:** | Science |
| **Title:** | Mammal Research - #2 |
| **Grade Level:** | 3 |
| **Purpose:** | Students identify different animal “characters” in the Puckster books, and learn about their individual characteristics and life cycles. |
| **Curricular**  **Connections:** | * Describe the appearances and life cycles of some common animals, and identify their adaptations to different environments. |
| **Materials:** | * Chart paper for instruction * Handout * Animal Books; Access to internet |
| **Activity:** | 1. Talk about the appearance of some common mammals. 2. Classify an animal together based on observable characteristics. 3. Complete a large graphic organizer on chart paper with the following titles: size/shape, limbs, adaptations, body covering, backbone, and “other” (claws, teeth, etc.) 4. Show the life cycle of the animal. 5. Have students choose a mammal from the 7 Puckster characters that they would like to research. 6. Hand out organizers. Provide opportunities for research. 7. Students research the various topics to complete the organizer. Attach a “real” picture on their worksheet. 8. Draw simple life cycle on back of worksheet. For example, a deer: 1st fawn, 2nd adolescence, 3rd adult, 4th mother and babies. 9. Draw a picture of the animal in the middle of the organizer. |
| **Extension:** | 1. Share information with a classmate, who chose a different mammal or the same one, to compare. 2. L.A.: Write a paragraph using the information in your organizer. |
| **Assessment:** | 1. Observe students as they complete organizer. 2. Evaluate for understanding: correct information; details. |



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Sarah is a **fox**. In the Puckster books she is a hockey player, but in real life a fox is a **mammal**. Let’s discover more about foxes using this organizer.

Size:

Shape:

Limbs:

Adaptations:

Body Covering:

Backbone:

Other:

**A Fox**

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Charlie is a **chipmunk**. In the Puckster Books he is a hockey player, but in real life a

chipmunk is a mammal. Let’s discover more about chipmunks using this organizer.

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Size:

Shape:

Limbs:

A Chipmunk

Other:

Body Covering:

Adaptations:

Backbone: