



TEACHER PACKET

REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS



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Dear Teacher,

Amphibians and reptiles have existed on earth for millions of years and were the first vertebrate animals to colonize land. These animals exhibit a variety of adaptations and are key players in many of the world's habitats. For these reasons, reptiles and amphibians provide diverse opportunities for teaching and learning about the natural world.

This packet has been designed to help you teach your students about reptiles and amphibians and the role of reptiles and amphibians in the natural world. Background information about reptiles and amphibians at Woodland Park Zoo, in the Pacific Northwest, and around the world has been included to assist you in planning a study unit with your students. Although this information was designed to increase your familiarity with the topic, you may choose to distribute some of the materials to older students.

The activities in this packet have been designed for use before, during and after a visit to Woodland Park Zoo for a zoo visit focusing on reptiles and amphibians. However, if you are unable to visit the zoo, the majority of the activities can also be covered in the classroom and/or outdoor settings apart from the zoo. The activities in this packet have been developed for use with different grade levels, to reach multiple disciplines and learning styles, and to tie in with Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements and Environmental and Sustainability Education standards.

Please see the Education section of the zoo's website (www.zoo.org) for more information or to register for a zoo visit or to schedule a zoo outreach program in your classroom.

Sincerely,

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