

Informational Text – Wolves

Directions: Read the two informational texts on wolves. Then compare and contrast the information in the two texts by using a Venn diagram.

INFORMATIONAL TEXT #1

Wolves are famous for their howl, which they use for communication. A wolf howls to get the attention of his pack or to send messages to other packs to show territory. Wolves live in packs of six to ten animals. They are known to roam great distances in one day. They prefer to eat large animals such as deer, elk, and moose. However, they also eat smaller animals such as birds, fish, lizards, snakes, and fruit. Wolves are the largest members of the dog family. Gray wolves are the most common type of wolf and they are found all over the Northern Hemisphere. In some states humans have hunted gray wolves to near extinction. Humans are fearful of wolves because they have been known to attack their livestock and animals.

INFORMATIONAL TEXT #2

Wolves are related to the jackal and domestic dog. All wolves are identified by their powerful teeth, bushy tails, and traditional howls. Wolves live in groups called packs. A pack is made up of a male parent, a female parent and a few other adult wolves. The pack works together to hunt for food and to take care of the pups. There are many stories and fables written about wolves, such as “Little Red Riding Hood” and stories about Werewolves. These stories have made wolves out to be evil and dangerous creatures even though they pose little threat to humans. Wolves have been hunted by humans possibly due to these false images that wolves are evil and dangerous creatures.



