



The San Diego Zoo Presents... The Animals! Currently Our of Print



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Cost: \$69.95 for teacher's edition.
\$129.95 for 5 CD-ROM
classroom set.

SUBJECTS

Science
Social Studies

This CD-ROM features photographic and audio displays of over 200 animals and their habitats. Information includes still photographs, movies, descriptive paragraphs, and maps. Program begins with a very clear narrated instruction on how to use the software. Accompanying booklet is brief and addresses use of the software. The material does not include lesson plans or curriculum guide, but focuses on information.

Grade Level
K-12

Length
CD - ROM

Date Published
1995

THE BOTTOM
LINE

“Good information about zoos and the diversity in their goals and objectives. Since it’s put together by a zoo, however, I wonder if it is slanted.”

What the REVIEWERS Said !	Key Characteristics	Strengths Noted	Other Considerations
	Fairness and Accuracy	Presents challenges faced by zoos.	Does not address arguments against zoos.
	Depth	Links individual animals/exhibits to global biomes. Cites some historical connections (e.g., consumer boycotts).	
	Emphasis on Skills Building		No real skill development; does not get beyond presentation of information.
	Action Orientation	Includes “Action Alerts” which describe actions students can take, and lists organizations to contact for current information.	
	Instructional Soundness	Information cross-referenced. Material attempts to make connections to learner’s life. Uses combination of photos, videos, and audios to present data.	Does not provide goals or objectives.
	Usability	Very user friendly. Contains both adult and children’s versions.	Even children’s version had an emphasis on reading long paragraphs.

“I think it’s important that students understand the value of zoos as an educational center and not just a place to see unique animals.”

“A valuable resource - a ‘living’ animals and biome encyclopedia.”