

For each of the text sets, there are some additional suggestions of articles listed and a few possible new questions the club might discuss. Note that these are just a few of the questions students could discuss—the best situation would be that they come up with their own questions—the ones below are only meant as a guide. Students can also discuss ideas rather than questions.

**As always, please preview these sets before giving them to your students to make sure they are best-suited for your particular class.**

## Zoos Additional Text Set

**Should animals have the same rights as humans?**

**Should zoos spend money on saving animals' natural habitats or updating zoo exhibits for animals in captivity?**

**Should zoos try to release animals back into the wild?**

**What's the best way to design a new zoo exhibit?**

- Apes get people's rights from court (By *Scientific American*, adapted by *Newsela* staff)  
<https://newsela.com/articles/orangutan-rights/id/6907/>
- "Saving Sloths" (By Judith Jango-Cohen, for *SuperScience*)  
<http://magazines.scholastic.com/news/2014/06/Saving-Sloths>  
(can discuss differences between zoos and sanctuaries)
- "Solving a Big Problem"  
<http://kids.sandiegozoo.org/conservation/solving-big-problem>  
(short article about how the San Diego Zoo is working to conserve and protect elephants in Asia and Africa)
- "Helping Island Iguanas" (short article about how the San Diego Zoo is working to help give iguanas a "headstart" in surviving against predators)  
<http://kids.sandiegozoo.org/conservation/helping-island-iguanas>
- "Debate: Should zoos and aquariums exhibit beluga whales?" by Elizabeth Winchester  
<http://www.timeforkids.com/news/debate/80636>
- "Giant Panda Cubs Give Hope to an Endangered Species" by David George Gordon  
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/animalsnature/giantpandacubs/>
- "Is Florida's panther release program working?" (By *The Sun Sentinel*, adapted by *Newsela* staff)  
<https://newsela.com/articles/panther-releases/id/3264/>
- "Costa Rica to Close its Zoos and Release Animals into the Wild" by Dan Nosowitz  
<http://www.popsci.com/science/article/2013-08/costa-rica-close-its-zoos-and-release-animals-wild>
- "Why Zoos Matter"  
<http://www.stlzoo.org/about/whyzoosmatter/>

- “Zoo kills a giraffe and many ask: Was there another way?” (By *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, adapted by *Newsela* staff, February 25, 2014)—Describes how the Copenhagen Zoo in Denmark killed an 18-month-old giraffe because its genes were too similar to the other giraffes. Describes outrage against this course of action.  
<https://newsela.com/articles/giraffe-copenhagen/id/2811/>
- “Animal News: Animals rescued from overcrowded zoo in Mexico” (discusses how animals were rescued from a private zoo)  
<http://kidsnewspot.weebly.com/animal-news.html>

### Higher level

- “Apes have Rights Too, Court Rules” (By *Scientific American*, adapted by *Newsela* staff)  
<https://newsela.com/articles/orangutan-rights/id/6905/>
- Designing zoo habitats that promote animals’ well-being by R. Scott Nolen  
<https://www.avma.org/News/JAVMANews/Pages/021201k.aspx>
- “Costa Rica Closes Zoos—Where Will the Animals Go?” (*National Geographic Daily News*) by Kip Patrick in Tamarindo, Costa Rica, for *National Geographic*  
<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2013/08/130805-costa-rica-animals-zoos-environment-world/>
- “Small change adds up for wildlife around the world” (By McClatchy Foreign Staff, adapted by *Newsela* Staff)  
<https://newsela.com/articles/zoo-conservation/id/5616/>
- “Zoo kills a giraffe and many ask: Was there another way?” (By *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, adapted by *Newsela* staff, February 25, 2014)—Describes how the Copenhagen Zoo in Denmark killed an 18-month-old giraffe because its genes were too similar to the other giraffes. Describes outrage against this course of action.  
<https://newsela.com/articles/giraffe-copenhagen/id/2811/>
- “Zoos: An Idea Whose Time Has Come and Gone”  
<http://www.peta.org/issues/animals-in-entertainment/zoos/>
- “Reintroduction programs”  
<https://www.aza.org/reintroduction-programs/>
- “Williamson high school students pitch exhibit to zoo”  
<http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/williamson/2015/04/30/williamson-high-school-students-pitch-exhibit-zoo/26637989/>
- “Tulsa Zoo Opens \$3.5 Million Rhino Exhibit” by Jarrell Wade, World Staff Writer  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/local/tulsa-zoo-opens-million-rhino-exhibit/article\\_fcb2d1ff-1594-5edb-b0d9-8ce1b2d7199d.html](http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/local/tulsa-zoo-opens-million-rhino-exhibit/article_fcb2d1ff-1594-5edb-b0d9-8ce1b2d7199d.html)
- “Should Chimps Have Rights?” (Article from *Upfront Magazine*, April 2014)—Describes how an animal rights group seeks to give chimps ‘legal persons’ status.
- “Fenced In” (article from *Super Science* magazine, April 2014)