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Activity 3.1.1 Animal Value

Purpose

Think about your most prized possessions, such as your iPod®, fishing rod, a family photo, or a "Most Improved" certificate from playing sports. You value these items for different reasons, maybe due to monetary investment or fond memories. Why are these objects important to you? Do items having importance to you have the same importance to others?

People are different, that includes their feelings about animals. One person may feel life would not exist without a dog, whereas another individual sees no point in owning a dog. As you explore your feelings about the importance of animals remember to respect the fact your classmates may not feel the same. During discussion, please remember that animal welfare is a matter of personal values. While you may disagree with others, individuals are entitled to their viewpoints and you should not put those opinions down. Sharing ideas, philosophies, and opinions is important in understanding differing viewpoints.

Materials

Per student:

- Pencil
- *Agriscience Notebook*

Procedure

In this activity, you will determine the value of different animals based on your opinion. As you go through this activity, keep in mind there are no right or wrong answers. At the conclusion of the activity, you will share some of your thoughts when your teacher asks for discussion.

Part One – Assessing Value

In Table 1 of *Activity 3.1.1 Student Worksheet*, assign a value of importance to each animal by placing an "x" in the column representing the importance of the given animal. 0 represents the least importance to you and 5 represents the most importance.

Part Two – Supporting Your Assessment

1. Select two of your highest ranking and two of your lowest ranking animals and record the name of the animals in the space provided:

High	Low
Llama	Mosquito
Chicken	Rat

2. Answer the following questions.

- What qualities of the animals listed above in the left column, caused you to give your highest ranking?
  I picked chickens because they provide eggs and they are really smart

I choose a Llama because they are cute and I think they are completely harmful.

- What qualities of the animals listed above in the right column caused you to give your lowest ranking?
  I choose a mosquito because they suck my blood and give me mosquito bites that itch and I hate insects.
  I hate rats because they are dirty , dig in trash and have diseases.

3. Enter the four animals you ranked above in the proper columns in Table 2 of *Activity 3.1.1 Student Worksheet*.

4. Look at the similarities and differences of the animals. How might others agree or disagree with your ranking of the importance of each animal? Make notes below to use later in discussion.

Conclusion

1. What qualities did you use to assign a "value" to each animal in Part One of this activity?

How do they treat humans , and do I like this animal

5. How might other people's opinions differ from yours? Why do you think their opinions may differ?

   People might not like the same animals as I do. They might differ because they might like insects but I don't

6. How would the way a person feels about an animal affect the way he or she treats an animal?

   If someone doesn't like dogs , they would treat the badly because they don't like dogs but if they like cats they would treat them better.

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💡Activity 3.1.1 Student Worksheet

Directions: Place an "x" in the column representing the importance of the given animal, 0 represents the least importance to you and 5 represents the most importance.

Table 1. *Animal Values*

Animal	0	1	2	3	4	5
Ant		X				
Barn cat						X
Border Collie puppy						X
Cow						X
Chicken						X
Goat					X	
Guinea pig				X		
Horse						X
Lab mouse	X					
Ladybug					X	
Lamb				X		
Llama						X
Monarch butterfly					X	
Mosquito	X					
Pig						
Rabbit				X		
Rat	X					
Turkey					X	

Directions: Based on your opinions, answer the questions below for each animal by placing a yes (Y) or no (N) in each corresponding column.

Table 2. *Exploring Animal Value*

Question	High Ranking Animal _Llama_	High Ranking Animal _Chicken_	Low Ranking Animal __Mosquito__	Low Ranking Animal __Rat___
Can this animal feel pain?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does this animal eat and drink?	yes	yes	yes	yes
Does this animal have a nurturing mother?	Yes	Yes	No	no
Do humans use this animal to produce food or clothing or to provide companionship?	Yes	Yes	No	No
Is this animal considered a pest by humans or other animals?	No	No	Yes	Yes