

LEOPARDS

SIXTH GRADE:

1. Leopards have fur, give live birth, make milk and have a backbone.
Therefore scientists classify them as what kind of animal?

Answer: Mammal

2. How has human behavior impacted the Leopard population?

Answer: The population has been reduced due to illegal hunting

SEVENTH GRADE:

1. The Black (melanistic) Leopard is often called what by mistake?

Answer: Black Panther

2. How long do Leopards live in captivity versus the wild? Why is there such a difference?

Answer: They could live >23 years in captivity while their lifespan in the wild is a maximum of 10-11 years. In captivity their diet can be regulated, there are no predators and they can have veterinary care.

For an extra challenge: Discuss the merits of life in the wild versus life in captivity.

EIGHTH GRADE:

1. What behavioral adaptations relative to their diet do Leopards display?

Answer: They are opportunistic eaters and they bring their prey up a tree to eat.

2. What structural adaptations aid in the Leopards survival?

Answer: Protective coloration (camouflage), powerful limbs, long tail