

The Future of Zoos by Anastasia

Statement	Agree	Disagree	Reader's Perspective Before Reading	Text Evidence (page #)	Agree	Disagree	Reader's Perspective After Reading
Keeping animals in zoos is inhumane.		X	I think zoos treat animals well. They recreate their natural habitat and feed them their natural diet. Zoos provide a home for animals that cannot go back to the wild.	"[Critics] argue that zoos are inhumane. They point to studies that have shown that animals in captivity suffer from anxiety, boredom, and stress." p.12	X		I changed my mind because the article talked about animals showing many signs of distress like pacing back and forth from boredom.
Zoos have successfully protected endangered animals.	X		I agree because in the news I've heard about zoos protecting endangered species like the giant panda and the California Condor.	The AZA helps coordinate zoos' efforts to protect more than 500 species. Those efforts include breeding endangered animals. And, when possible, zoos release those animals into the wild. This helps restore populations. P.12 ... the London Zoo tried to mate Sumatran tigers which are critically endangered, but the male mauled the female to death before the zookeepers could stop it. P.12		X	I'm conflicted about this, but I think I now disagree because I don't think zoos are successful if their breeding program results in endangered animals killing one another.
Zoos play an important role in animal conservation.	X		I agree because I've read other articles about zoo breeding programs, zoos supporting animal research, and zoos educating the public.	Many zoos make it their mission to protect animals, especially endangered ones. They study species. At the National Zoo research on elephants is helping to develop a vaccine for a fatal virus. P.12 Zoos are spending millions of dollars of research. And to teach visitors about challenges animals face in the wild. P.12	X		I agree even more now. I didn't realize that zoos were also involved in developing vaccines.