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VISIT THE ANIMALS OF THE ARCTIC



Directions: Many unique animals live in the Arctic area surrounding the North Pole. The animals are special because they have to survive in a cold and barren land. Learn more about those animals from kids who live in the Arctic region too. Then answer the questions below. Write the answers on the lines next to the questions.

Web Resources:

Animals of the Arctic

<http://tjunior.thinkquest.org/3500>

- _____ 1. The United States is one of eight nations represented in the Arctic region. How many people live in the entire Arctic region?
- _____ 2. Which Arctic animal has the warmest fur -- the Arctic fox, the polar bear, or the Arctic wolverine?
- _____ 3. Under all its fur, what color is a polar bear's skin?
- _____ 4. What animal family do Arctic wolverines belong to?
- _____ 5. What kind of fat helps protect Arctic animals such as the walrus from the cold?

Something to Think About: Adaptations are changes that animals undergo in order to survive in a particular environment. What adaptations do you think help Arctic animals live in that cold, snowy land?

Learn More: After looking at the satellite photograph of the northern hemisphere at <http://tjunior.thinkquest.org/3500/Satellite.htm>, find out what your area of Earth looks like from space. Go to Earth View at <http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/uncgi/Earth/action?opt=-s>, type in the latitude and longitude of your city or town, and then choose a view. If you don't know your latitude and longitude, go to Tiger Map at <http://tiger.census.gov/cgi-bin/mapbrowse-tbl>, type in the name of your city, and click Search.