

Wily Weasels: A Creative Adventure!

Materials You'll Need:

- Age-appropriate books or online articles about weasels (for research)
- Computer or tablet with internet access (for research and videos)
- Notebook or paper (for note-taking and, if chosen, for the story writing project)
- Pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, or crayons
- **For Your Chosen Creative Project (gather what you need based on your choice below):**
 - **Weasel's World Diorama:** Shoebox, craft clay, paint, glue, child-safe scissors, natural materials (e.g., twigs, leaves, small stones).
 - **The Adventures of Wesley the Weasel Story:** Notebook/paper and writing/drawing tools (already listed above).
 - **'All About Weasels' Super Poster:** Large paper or poster board, plus drawing and coloring supplies.
 - **Wacky Weasel Puppet:** Socks or paper bags, craft fur or felt, googly eyes, yarn, glue, child-safe scissors, and optional sticks for puppet handles.

Part 1: Weasel Investigation! (Approx. 30-45 minutes)

Let's become weasel detectives! Your mission is to find out some amazing facts about these sleek animals. You can use books or search online (with an adult's help if needed – try searching for 'facts about weasels for kids' or visiting reputable wildlife sites like National Geographic Kids).

As you research, jot down answers to these questions in your notebook:

- **What do weasels look like?** (Consider their size, body shape, fur color, and any special features.)
- **Where in the world do different types of weasels live?** (Which continents or countries?)
- **What kind of home (habitat) do they prefer?** (Are they found in forests, grasslands, near water, or somewhere else?)
- **What's on a weasel's menu?** (What do they eat? How do they hunt?)
- **Can you find one super sneaky or surprising fact about weasels?** (They are known for being quite clever and agile!)

Helpful Tip: Don't just read! Look at pictures and, if possible, watch short videos of weasels moving and interacting with their environment. This really helps bring them to life!

Part 2: Create Your Weasel Masterpiece! (Approx. 60-90 minutes)

Now that you're equipped with fascinating weasel knowledge, it's time to get creative and show what you've learned! Choose **ONE** of the following projects. Pick the one that sounds most exciting and fun for you!

1. **Weasel's World Diorama:** Construct a 3D model of a weasel in its natural habitat. Use a shoebox as your stage. You can sculpt a weasel from clay, or draw, color, and cut one out. Add details to create its environment like trees (twigs), grass, rocks, and perhaps a glimpse of its prey (from a safe distance!).
2. **The Adventures of Wesley the Weasel (Story Writing):** Write an imaginative short story starring a weasel. What exciting escapades does it have? What challenges does it face in its daily life? How does it use its unique weasel skills to navigate its world? Feel free to add

illustrations to your story!

3. **'All About Weasels' Super Poster:** Design an eye-catching and informative poster. Fill it with key facts, your own drawings, and diagrams about weasels. Make it colorful and engaging so others can learn all about their characteristics, habitat, diet, and your favorite surprising fact.
4. **Wacky Weasel Puppet & Show:** Create your very own weasel puppet using a sock or a paper bag. Decorate it with craft fur or felt, googly eyes, and yarn to give it true weasel features! Once your puppet is ready, plan a short show to share some fun facts or a mini-story about weasels. A blanket over two chairs can make a great impromptu puppet theater!

Remember: The main goal is to creatively use the information you've learned and to have fun while doing it! Let your imagination guide you.

Part 3: Show and Tell! (Approx. 15-20 minutes)

Once your masterpiece is complete, it's time to share your amazing work!

- Present your project. If you wrote a story, read it aloud with expression. If you built a diorama or designed a poster, explain what you created and the choices you made. If you crafted a puppet, put on your show!
- Talk about what new things you learned about weasels. What was the most interesting or surprising fact you discovered during your investigation?
- What did you enjoy most about this project and learning about weasels?

Optional Extra Adventures (If you're still curious!):

- **Weasel Relatives:** Research other animals in the Mustelidae family, such as stoats (ermine), ferrets, minks, otters, or badgers. How are they similar to weasels? How are they different?
- **Weasels in Folklore:** With help, find out if weasels appear in any traditional stories, myths, or legends from different cultures. What roles do they typically play?
- **Documentary Dive:** Watch a short, age-appropriate nature documentary clip online that shows weasels in their natural habitat.

Fantastic job exploring the wonderful and wily world of weasels today! You've learned a lot and created something truly special!