Research Paper Guidelines: Biome Zoo Project

1) Introduction

* Define what makes a biome.
* Describe selected biome (briefly, since in detail in paragraph 2):
  + latitude (general),
  + altitude
  + geography
* Thesis Statement: Introduce plans to build a biome friendly zoo! (Since this needs to be written in the third person, create a zoo company name as the builders.

**Example:** "The *Zoobers Company* is planning to build a modern day Tropical Rainforest biome zoo showcasing the amazing native animals and plant life featured in Hai Phong, Vietnam.")

2) Body Paragraph 1 / Background Information on Biome

* + climate – describe in detail!
    - Temperature and precipitation
* Ecosystem data:
  + Define what an ecosystem is in general and then start to describe the ecosystem in your area!
    - Forms of vegetation – what plant species exist in this area?
      * Identify and describe 7 different species of plants.

Transition sentence leading to Animal (next) paragraph  
  
3) Body Paragraph 2 / Background Information on Animals

* For each animal, please include:
  + - Habitat: food and shelter needs = type of shelter and space needed!
  + 3 large/medium animals
  + 3 small animals
  + 2 species of birds
  + 1 endangered species

Transition sentence leading to city, country (next) paragraph  
  
4) Body Paragraph 3 / Background Information

* Identify geographic location for zoo – relate it to the closest major city (how far away is it from the city in miles) Include city statistics:
  + Latitude and longitude, altitude
  + size (in square miles), sometimes found under “topography”
  + population, population density, sometimes found under “demographics”
  + average/median income (if information available)

5) Conclusion: Restate the plans to build a zoo in a specific biome (the thesis statement) and include the location.

* + Why is the selected Biome and city a good location:
    - The animals selected (name some of the animals) need these items (name some of plants) in their habitat to eat, survive and reproduce.
    - The reasons the city is a good location (accessibility, hotels & tourism, transportation, airports, etc.)

Works Cited

* Use links and information on Library homepage, [**Works Cited**](http://www.sandomenico.org/page.cfm?p=2139&lastid=2757&do=logoffadmin) link.
* Reminders:  
  \*Must be written in 3rd person (**no** we, I, you…)  
  \*No contractions (can’t, won’t, didn’t)  
  \*No casual language (way cool, humongous, awesome!)