

To what extent is the incarceration of zoo animals justifiable?



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION KATIE - LOWER SIXTH

I decided on this title for my EPQ as I have always loved animals and been interested in animal behaviour. In addition to this, the title allowed me to investigate a mixture of topics in subjects such as psychology, ethics, geography, and zoology, which are not included in my A-level syllabi. After school I'm interested in studying either a geography related or zoology related degree, so this was helpful in expanding my knowledge further on the topic and to help clarify if it is what I want to take forward.

Whilst doing my research I came across many interesting finds and learned a lot throughout. The side effects of captivity (zoochosis) was one of the most interesting sub topics I researched and definitely allowed me to get a better insight into how they may feel. In addition to this, learning about different conservation projects and breeding programs were really interesting to evaluate and see how successful they are in the long term.

With GCSE's cancelled I was glad that I had the extra time to complete my EPQ, especially as it has allowed me to focus on other extra-curricular activities this term. It also kept me occupied during lockdown which was definitely a big bonus!

Once lockdown is lifted, I hope to go to as many festivals as possible, volunteer in an animal shelter and have a summer full of fun with friends and family!