Animals and Society

Applied Project: Story Time

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I chose to do a book that would be for younger kids. I would think somewhere between 3-5 years old. Creative writing is definitely not a strength of mine, so I decided that the younger the age group the better. The story is about how much happier zoo animals are in their natural habitats I decided to go with this theme because I have actually done artwork in the past that was about the cruelty of keeping animals in a zoo. My familiarity with the topic made the process of making the book a lot more fun and enjoyable.

I chose to do a book with less text and more pictures. I did this because my strength is in illustration and drawing. I am less talented at the creative writing aspect. That being said, I think that doing more pictures was appropriate for this project because I feel like the pictures did a good job of getting the message across to younger kids. That was that animals are much happier in their natural environments and not the zoo. To illustrate this, I drew one version of the animals looking sad in their cages and then I drew one in their natural habitat with smiles on their faces.

I guess in a way I used anthropomorphism. I did give the animals all sad faces and happy faces to show their emotions. The actual animals would not show their emotions in this way. I just really wanted the kids to understand that the animals being in a cage is not good for them. I wanted them to know that it is much better that an animal is in their natural habitat because that is how they thrive. If I were to remake the picture book, I would probably include a wider range of animals so that the kids understand that it does not just apply to safari animals. I would also try to include farm animals like maybe a pig and a cow. But overall, I am really happy with how this picture book turned out.