

Who Would Win? Polar Bear vs. Grizzly Bear

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Main Idea

Polar bears and grizzly bears have several similar traits, but they are very different at the same time, which causes one bear to have an advantage over the other. This book teaches the readers about how the two types of bears are not created equal, even though they are both bears.

Three Concepts or Ideas

I learned tons of cool and interesting facts from Who Would Win? Polar Bear vs. Grizzly Bear.

1. The first idea that stuck in my head was that polar bears are the biggest predators on land and are called "apex predators." That means polar bears are the top of their food chain.
2. A second fact I learned is that polar bears and grizzlies probably came from the same animal, but ended up going different ways. For example, polar bears prefer to live in the sea and grizzlies like to live on land.
3. Lastly, I learned that polar bears and grizzlies like to live on their own. I thought they traveled in packs, but the book proved that they would rather have time to themselves.

Two Vocabulary Words or Phrases

Two words that were unfamiliar to me were osteologist and apex predator. These words were defined in the text.

1. An **osteologist** is a scientist that studies bones.
2. An **apex predator** is an animal that has no natural predators.

Nonfiction Text Structure

The text structure of this book falls in the comparison category. By paying attention to the title, you know that this book compares and contrasts the polar and grizzly bear. As you continue to read, you can see the many similarities and differences between these two animals.

Three Text Features

Text features are very common and helpful in this series.

1. The first text feature that helped me understand concepts in the book is a fun fact bubble. Inside the bubble on page 4, it said polar bears do not live in Antarctica. This was helpful because most people think polar bears are from the South Pole, but that is not true.

2. Secondly, the fun fact box on page 6 explains how “teddy bears” earned their title. President Teddy Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear on a hunting trip and from then on, toy bears earned the name of “teddy bears.”
3. The third text feature that helped me understand the story was the height charts on pages 10 and 11. This feature was a great visual for me to picture how tall the bears are compared to an adult and a kindergartner.