



CARNIVORES VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Aaron Reynolds at Northern Illinois University's STEMfest

1. What makes the Lion, Shark, and Wolf carnivores?
2. When the carnivores gave up eating meat, what kind of eaters did they become: an omnivore, eating meat and plants; or an herbivore, eating only plants? Do you think the Lion, Shark, and Wolf liked changing what they ate?
3. Who was your favorite carnivore from Aaron Reynolds *Carnivore*?
4. What is your favorite food? If you only ate your favorite food every day for every meal would you be a carnivore, herbivore, or omnivore?

Biting into Carnivores!

1. What makes a carnivore a carnivore?
2. According to the video, carnivores gain protein from eating meat. What do you think are some other reasons to eat meat?
3. Carnivores are very important for population control. They make sure rabbits don't eat all of our crops. What animal or insect do you find the most annoying? Are you glad that carnivores are there to control the population of your least favorite animal or insect?
4. What is your favorite carnivore in the world? Why?
5. What are some jobs that allow people to work with animals? What job with animals would you like to have?

How to Spot a Carnivore

1. What do the teeth of a carnivore look like? What do the teeth of an herbivore look like? Why do you think they are that way?
2. What do the eyes of a carnivore look like? What do the eyes of an animal of prey look like? Why do you think they are that way?
3. What carnivore characteristic is found only in big cats? How does this characteristic help big cats out in the wild?
4. How does a carnivore, an herbivore, and an omnivore benefit from how their own teeth are shaped?
5. What are some other carnivorous animals that you can think of?

Owls are Carnivores Too!

1. You can only have an owl for a pet if you go through special training to become a falconer. Would you want to have an owl for a pet?
2. According to the video, carnivores have sharp beaks/teeth and big eyes, and lots of claws. If you could have the characteristic of a carnivore, which one would you want?
3. How do owls capture their prey? How do you get your food?

Please to Meat You: Carnivores with Chef Chad

1. What is your favorite carnivorous dish?
2. If you could learn to cook any dish, what would you learn to cook?
3. Would you eat shark meat? Why or why not?

Vegging Out with the Pita Prince

1. What is a vegan? Would you ever eat vegan?
2. How does being vegan help the environment? What are some ways you help the environment?
3. What is your favorite herbivore or omnivore animal?
4. If you had to go vegan, what would be the food you'd miss most?

Vegetables? You've Gotta be Kitten Me!

1. What is a vegetarian? Would you consider them herbivores? What is your favorite herbivore?
2. What are some of the reasons people become vegetarians? Would you ever become a vegetarian?
3. A household cat is a carnivore! Not many people know that fact. Were you surprised to learn that any other animals were carnivores?

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