



Chicago Zoological Society
Inspiring Conservation Leadership



Free Online Student Materials & Online Teacher Training Session **Faces of the Wild: Inspire Conservation Action Through Art (grades 3-8)**

Nature provides inspiration to artists whose work strives to capture the beauty of our natural surroundings. Art that captures our attention and imagination is beautiful to observe, and can also increase our conservation awareness and serve as a call to action to protect our planet. Join us in Spring 2024 for a free, 1- hour virtual PD session to gain strategies and activities to support student observation, critical thinking, and conservation awareness as they explore sculpture art and animals at Brookfield Zoo!

Access to downloadable student activities will be provided to teachers who attend this one-hour virtual professional learning session. 1 PD hour available.

Choose a virtual session that meets your schedule:

Virtual Session Schedule – Faces of the Wild	
Monday, March 11, 2024, 7-8 PM	Links to sessions will be emailed to registrants upon registration.
Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 4-5 PM	
<i>*This session is targeted to grade 3-8 teachers, but all Pre-K – Grade 12 educators are welcome!</i>	

Session Details:

Faces of the Wild:

Among the many artworks at Brookfield Zoo, the twelve *Faces of the Wild* sculptures created by British and Australian artists Gillie and Marc are the subject of this onsite learning experience that supports conservation awareness as well as observation skills, collaboration, descriptive writing, synthesis, and use of evidence to support conclusions. In this lesson, students will choose one of the twelve statues and its caption for close reading and observation. Then, they will choose an endangered animal at the zoo and have the opportunity to create their own caption and artwork design that builds awareness about the animal's challenges in the wild and steps that humans can take to protect this species. (In cases where field trips are not possible, materials and strategies can be adapted to support animal study in classroom settings.)

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- Access to downloadable pdf's with student activities and lesson plans will be provided during the session.
- 1 hour of PD credit is available for participants who provide IEIN number and required attendance documentation. PD credit will be available on the ISBE PD+ platform.

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