

Name Model

Topic Human-Animal Interaction



Write a brief account of the class conversation about the topic, describing what you know at this point about some of its aspects:

Today we read and discussed the article, "Animal Experimentation Is Justified" by Stuart Derbyshire. He is a professor at a university hospital, so we thought that what he said in the article was pretty important to understand.

We talked about how he thinks that we need to use animals to develop medications for humans, and that scientists shouldn't be afraid to say so. We also discussed how he thinks that there is no real middle ground between the scientists who experiment with animals, and the animal rights activists. This is because the scientists need the animals, while the activists will never be okay with animal experimentation. Derbyshire only seemed to be talking about experimentation for use in medicine, and not for things like cosmetics. Some of us thought that using animals is okay, because they are used to find treatments for terrible illnesses, but many thought it was selfish to use animals.

POTENTIAL AREA OF INVESTIGATION 1

In a few words, describe an area within the topic that you would like to know more about:

Derbyshire says that animal experimentation is really important to develop medicine for humans.

Explain why you are interested in this area of the topic:

I use medicine. My parents and family use medicine. I wonder if the medicine we use needed animals to make it.

Express your potential area of investigation as a question or problem:

Why are animals needed to help made human medicine and what kind of testing needs to be done on them?



POTENTIAL AREA OF INVESTIGATION 2	POTENTIAL AREA OF INVESTIGATION 3	POTENTIAL AREA OF INVESTIGATION 4
<p>In a few words, describe what you would like to know more about within the topic: The article talks a lot about the history of the use of animals to develop human medicine. Before, scientists seemed to be more free to do these experiments.</p>	<p>In a few words, describe what you would like to know more about within the topic: In class we have been reading and talking about a lot of ways we use animals--especially dogs. The video showed dogs used for search and rescue. I wonder what characteristics make dogs especially attuned to humans and their needs. I wonder when this started and how it developed over the years.</p>	<p>In a few words, describe what you would like to know more about within the topic: Hunting has been one of the main ways humans have "interacted" with animals throughout history. Some of the reading we did in class talked about the way hunting has affected different populations of animals. I wonder what animal populations we have both helped and hurt over the years. What practices contribute to both.</p>
<p>Explain why you are interested in this: It seems like doctors now have a harder time to do experiments on animals. I wonder if this is because people are more aware of what doctors and scientists do, or because people are more sensitive to how we treat animals.</p>	<p>Explain why you are interested in this: My family has always had dogs as pets. He seems like part of the family--like he knows each of us personally. I know that sounds crazy. I've always wanted to learn more about the special bond between dogs and humans.</p>	<p>Explain why you are interested in this: My dad and uncles hunt deer every year. We always eat the meat--which is delicious. My dad says that hunting deer actually helps maintain the deer population--as long as everyone obeys the laws. I'd like to know how that works.</p>
<p>Express your potential area of investigation as a question or problem: How have our perceptions of animal testing changed over history? Are we more sensitive now, or just more informed?</p>	<p>Express your potential area of investigation as a question or problem: What characteristics in dogs and humans give them their special bond? At what point in history did this begin and how did it develop throughout the years?</p>	<p>Express your potential area of investigation as a question or problem: How has human hunting affected various populations of animals throughout history? What laws around hunting help maintain populations and how do they work?</p>