



CREATURE INVESTIGATION CASE FILE

CASE FILE NO: _____	DATE: _____
JUNIOR RESEARCHER: _____	CLASS / GROUP: _____

CREATURE UNDER INVESTIGATION:

INITIAL CLASSIFICATION STATUS:

☐ REAL ☐ LEGENDARY ☐ INSTITUTE ORIGINAL ☐ NOT YET DETERMINED

CAN YOU DRAW THE CREATURE UNDER INVESTIGATION?

INVESTIGATION WARNING: Do not classify this creature until you have examined the evidence.

1. CREATURE DESCRIPTION & CLAIMS

Start with what has been reported - not what you assume is true.



CLAIMS UNDER INVESTIGATION

CLAIM 1:

CLAIM 2:

CLAIM 3:

2. BEFORE THE INVESTIGATION

WHAT DO YOU ALREADY KNOW?

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT?

3. EVIDENCE LOG

Listen, read or observe carefully. Record information that could help solve the Case File.

EVIDENCE ITEM 1

What did you discover?

Where did the information come from?

☐ GUEST EXPERT ☐ HOST INVESTIGATION ☐ FIELD RESEARCHER ☐ JUNIOR RESEARCHER REPORT ☐ OTHER

This evidence:

☐ SUPPORTS A CLAIM ☐ CHALLENGES A CLAIM ☐ RAISES A NEW QUESTION

EVIDENCE ITEM 2

What did you discover?

Where did the information come from?

☐ GUEST EXPERT ☐ HOST INVESTIGATION ☐ FIELD RESEARCHER ☐ JUNIOR RESEARCHER REPORT ☐ OTHER

This evidence:

☐ SUPPORTS A CLAIM ☐ CHALLENGES A CLAIM ☐ RAISES A NEW QUESTION

EVIDENCE ITEM 3

What did you discover?

Where did the information come from?

☐ GUEST EXPERT ☐ HOST INVESTIGATION ☐ FIELD RESEARCHER ☐ JUNIOR RESEARCHER REPORT ☐ OTHER

This evidence:

☐ SUPPORTS A CLAIM ☐ CHALLENGES A CLAIM ☐ RAISES A NEW QUESTION

INSTITUTE FIELD NOTE

Something surprising, strange or important I noticed:

4. QUESTION THE EXPERT

WHO WAS TODAY'S GUEST EXPERT?

AREA OF EXPERTISE:



WHAT EVIDENCE DID THE EXPERT PROVIDE?

DID THE EXPERT CHANGE YOUR THINKING?

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NOT SURE YET

Explain:

MY QUESTION FOR THE GUEST EXPERT:

5. EXAMINE THE CLAIMS

Return to the claims you recorded at the beginning.

CLAIM 1

☐ SUPPORTED ☐ CHALLENGED ☐ INCONCLUSIVE

Why?

CLAIM 2

☐ SUPPORTED ☐ CHALLENGED ☐ INCONCLUSIVE

Why?

CLAIM 3

☐ SUPPORTED ☐ CHALLENGED ☐ INCONCLUSIVE

Why?



6. FINAL CLASSIFICATION

THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN EXAMINED.

I classify this creature as:

☐ REAL ☐ LEGENDARY ☐ INSTITUTE ORIGINAL ☐ NOT YET DETERMINED

MY MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF EVIDENCE:

MY CONCLUSION - I believe this classification is correct because:

OFFICIAL JUNIOR RESEARCHER DECLARATION

I examined the claims. I listened carefully. I gathered evidence. I questioned the information. I reached a conclusion based on the evidence available.

JUNIOR RESEARCHER NAME: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNED: _____

CASE FILE STATUS:

☐ CLOSED ☐ FURTHER INVESTIGATION REQUIRED

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