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Birds of Prey and Owl Pellet Webquest

Student Worksheet

BIRDS OF PREY

1. Explain the 4 characteristics of raptors.

OWL PELLETS

What is a Pellet?

2. What is an owl pellet?

3. Why do owls form pellets?

4. Define regurgitate and indigestible using the context to help you. You may use a dictionary, if necessary.

How do Pellets Form?

5. Owls are carnivores. What animals may be in an owl's diet?

6. What is the function of an owl's gizzard? Why does an owl need a gizzard?

7. Describe these steps in pellet formation.
 - a. Since owls do not have teeth, they must swallow their food _____
 - b. Food travels down the _____ before arriving in the _____
 - c. The pellet is formed in the _____
 - d. Before the owl eats another meal, it must _____ the pellet.

Virtual Pellet Dissection

8. Sketch these bones

Scapula (Shoulder blade)	Pelvic Bone (Hip)	Femur (Thigh)