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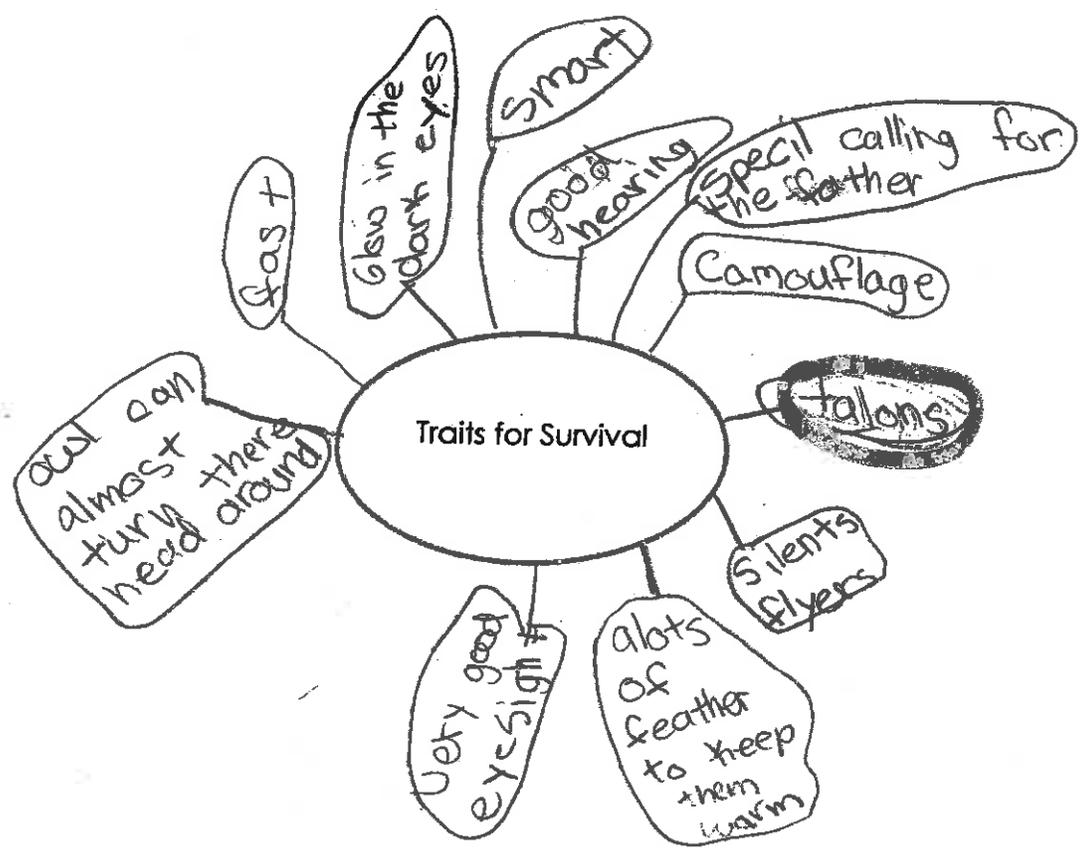
### Most Important Trait for Survival

Guiding Question: What do living things need to survive?

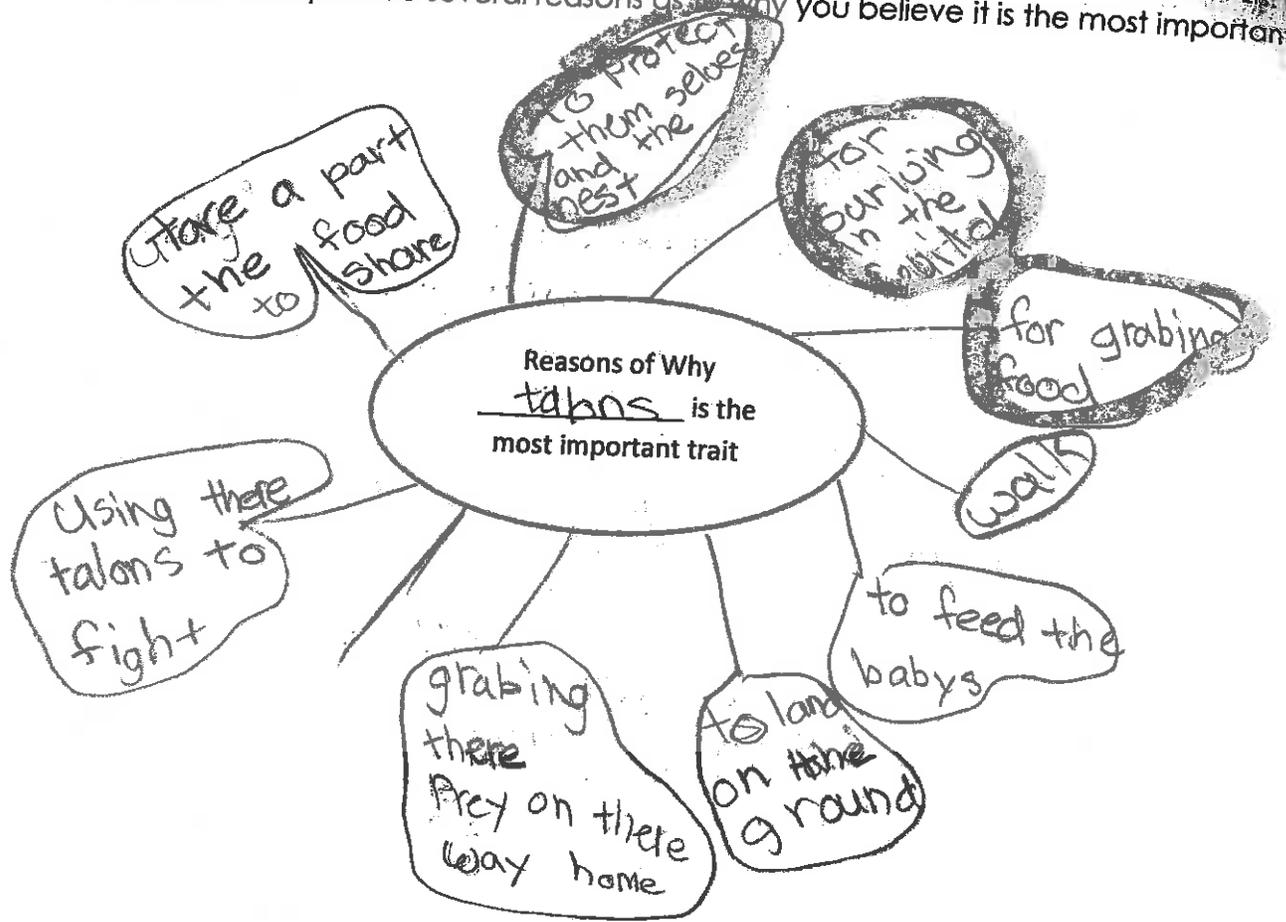
Long Term Learning Target: I can describe the physical traits of owls and tell how some traits can be influenced by an owl's environment.

Supporting Learning Target: I can define trait and name the traits of an owl. I can describe what an owls need to survive. I can identify the most important trait for survival and use strong evidence to support my opinion.

**Part 1 Prewriting:** Use your science notebook to locate information from our fieldwork, expert notes, anchor texts etc. to identify what traits owl's need in order to survive.



Part 2: Next, your task is to identify which trait you believe to be most important for survival. List it inside the circle and then provide several reasons as to why you believe it is the most important trait.



3: Next, take three reasons that support your best trait and list them below. For each main idea, you will need three supporting details.

<b>Topic:</b>	What trait do you believe an owl possess that is most important for survival talons are
<b>Opinion</b>	I think talons <u>is</u> the most important part of the survival for an owl.
<b>Reason #1</b> <b>(Paragraph 1)</b> For grabbing <u>the prey</u> food	Three supporting details to support the main idea of reason #1 1. <del>if</del> they didn't have talons they won't be able to carry it 2. They need grab with there talons while on the way home 3. if they had talons then it would be easier to catch food on the fly.
<b>Reason #2</b> <b>(Paragraph 2)</b> For surviving in the wild	Three supporting details to support the main idea of reason #2 it would be week for the babys if 1. the father is on the hunt and taking forever and doesn't have talons 2. and for protecting the babys that is only 3 weeks old. 3. <del>and</del> for a safe landing on the ground.
<b>Reason #3</b> <b>(Paragraph 3)</b> To protect themselves and the nest	Three supporting details to support the main idea of reason #3 1. which means that fighting back at the predators 2. and to protect themselves and the family 3. Protect themselves so they don't get caught by the predators.
<b>Conclusion</b>	These are some reasons why talons <u>are</u> the best trait for survival for an owl.

Part 4: Draft 1 of Essay: Next, use your information from the graphic organizer to write an opinion piece of what trait you believe is most important for an owl's survival. Be sure to reference the voice checklist and rubric to help guide your writing.

I think talons are the most important part of the survival for an owl. I think owls need talons because if they don't, they won't be able to carry <sup>what home?</sup> ~~the~~ prey home. They need the talons to carry there prey on the fly. It would be easy to catch the prey on the hunt because they swoop down and catch the prey and swoop back up there.

They need talons for living in the wild. Like for example if the father is on the hunt and he doesn't have talons, it would be weak for the baby. Another reason is to protect the baby if there's danger. Also for a safe landing that the owl talons should land on.

Talons can be use for protecting themselves and the nest. Another reason is to protect them if there's danger around. Also to fight back at the predators. IF they didn't have talons to fight back at the predators then they would get caught <sup>what?</sup> by the predators. These are some reason why talons are the best trait for an owl's survival in the wild.

Part 5: Check in with the voice rubric and the Opinion Writing Checklist. As you revise, ensure that you included all components of the checklist. If you are missing something, go back and add it in your writing so that you can include it in draft #2.

Traits Rubric for Voice  
Grade: 3rd Grade

	1 ✓	2	3	4 ✓
Purpose & Commitment	No point of view is established.	Point of view is inconsistent throughout the writing. Narrative is dull.	Point of view is mostly consistent. Narrative is sincere, but not engaging.	Clear point of view throughout writing with evidence, narrative engages the reader and is exciting.

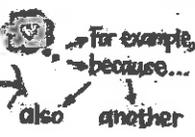
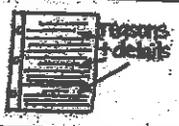
Opinion Writing Checklist

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Opinion Writing Checklist  
Grade 3

I told readers my opinion and ideas on a text or a topic and helped them to understand my reasons.

Did I do it like a third grader?

	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES
 I wrote a beginning in which I not only set readers up to expect that this would be a piece of opinion writing, but also tried to hook them into caring about my opinion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 I connected my ideas and reasons with my examples using words such as <i>for example</i> and <i>because</i> . I connected one reason or example using words such as <i>also</i> and <i>another</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 I worked on an ending, perhaps a thought or comment related to my opinion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 I wrote several reasons or examples of why readers should agree with my opinion and wrote at least several sentences about each reason.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 I organized my information so that each part of my writing was easy to read.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I think I'm a 4 because I have several reasons to support my main topic and made it exciting to learn.

Paragraph #1

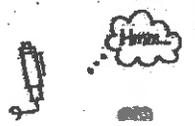
paragraph #2, #3 and #3

Paragraph 1, 2, 3

all paragraph

Paragraph #2 + 3

all paragraph

	NOT YET	STARTING TO	YES
 I not only named my reasons to support my opinion, but also wrote more about each one.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 I not only told readers to believe me, but also wrote in ways that got them thinking or feeling in certain ways.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part 6:

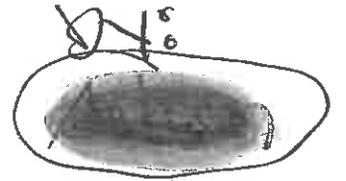
Draft #2 of Essay

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They need talons for living in the wild. Like for example if the father is on the hunt and doesn't have talons it would be weak for the babies. Another reason is to protect the babies if there's danger. Also for a safe landing on the ground.

Talons can be used for protecting themselves and the nest. Another reason is to protect them if there's danger around. Also to fight back at the predators. If they didn't have talons they would get caught by the predators. These are some reasons why talons are the best trait for an owl's survival.

# Survival For An Owl



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They need talons for living in the wild. Like for example if the father is on the hunt and he doesn't have talons it would and taking forever then the baby will be hungry and weak. Another reason is to protect the baby if there's danger. And also for a safe landing on the ground when they hunt for food.

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