

# The Turtle Show

Similar to Aesop's fable the "Tortoise and the Hare", Native Americans believed:

*If a Turtle totem shows up in your life,  
slow down the pace of your life.*

*Bigger, stronger, faster are not always the best ways to reach  
your goals.*

Write an essay on how you could or have used this advice in your own life.

- Turtles are cold-blooded. How many other cold-blooded animals can you think of? Do you remember how cold-blooded animals stay warm?
- Some turtles hibernate through winter. How many other animals can you think of that hibernate?
- Do you remember 3 things that make Tortoises different from Turtles?
- There are approximately 250-300 different species of Turtles living around the world today. Pick a country and do some research to see what species of turtles live there, what they eat, and how they live.

## ENDANGERED ANIMALS

Turtles and Tortoises are not the only animals that are endangered. Many animals living in the Oceans, Rainforests, and other parts of the world are endangered. What factors have caused these animals to become endangered? What can you do to help?

## FUN FACTS

- Sulcata Tortoises never drink, they get water from the food they eat.
- Painted turtles can survive long winters in ice-covered ponds because they can live for several months without breathing oxygen with their lungs.
- The Sulcata Tortoise is the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest tortoise behind the Aldabra Giant Tortoise and Galapagos Giant Tortoise.