

Elaborate

PURPOSE:

To extend students' conceptual understanding through application or practice in new settings.

ACTIVITIES:

ISSUE ANALYSIS

Read these two documents:

[DNR Considers Removing Butler's Garter Snake from Endangered List](#)

[The Butler's Garter Snake Species Guidance Document from the Division of Natural Resources.](#)

FURTHER RESEARCH

Seek out two other internet resources regarding this controversy. You may search for editorials supporting or opposing the delisting of the Butler's Garter Snake, public meeting minutes regarding the conservation efforts, conservation effort reports, or even background information about the animal itself.

WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor are a classic form of civic engagement that can serve you well in the future. Issues ranging from conservation to social justice are regular subjects in these editorials. Here are a couple of websites that can help you structure your letter.

<http://www.studentnewsdaily.com/letter-to-the-editor-guidelines/>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Write-Letters-to-the-Editor>

Remember to establish a firm stance before writing your letter. This will allow you to offer concrete suggestions and strong reasoning.

SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Milwaukee Riverkeeper
- Student Conservation Association
- Urban Ecology Center

ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT

Built on Water Thematic Rubric