4th Grade Informational: Animals and Their Surroundings

Task Prompt: Write an informational article on animals and their habitats using information and details from the sources. Choose the most important information from the sources to support your main idea. Use your own words except when quoting directly from the sources.

Animal Homes

A World of Many Places Do you know how lucky you are? You have air conditioners, telivision, computers, food, water shelter, you are lucky There are a lot of animals outside with none of those. Think about the desert animals, where water is rare. You don't have to worry about that, you might have a well. Or the deep ocean, they can't see the sun or where they are going because it is so dark. You have electricity We are lucky I will tell you about those who aren't so fortunate. You'II be surprised how neat Earth is! First let's talk about the desert, with the hot sun raining down and little water, it is hard to survive. But the saguaro cactus doesn't seem to mind.with it's air conditioner and water preserving tecnique it gets along quite well. It almost never rains, but when it does it is quite a downpour! That is when the cactus soaks it up! Next I would like to tell you about Antartica. The chilly temparature is almost unbearable! But not for the penguins They can share their body heat by huddling together The polar bears have it figured out too. Their thick fur is very helpful in this weather! Lucky for bears, they hibernate and don't have to even worry about anything! The ocean is just as pleasurable, dark and cold. That far down into the sea, you can't find the sun. It is freezing cold! Not to mention it is dark, without the sun no light Crabs don't seem to have a problem though There are small volcanoes they can pass by that act like heating vents. The cold keeps the water from boiling, but when they erupt it gets warm and cozy for those crabs. The sea isn't all tropical! Now do you see how very lucky we are? It makes you appreciate the things you have. Nature can be really cruel, but we all tend to find our way Like the saguaro cactus, penguins, polar bears, and crabs we all seem to survive.