

Pangolin Poetry

Level: Grades 3-12



Marianne Moore loved writing poems about animals. She especially loved unusual animals. Read this excerpt of her poem, “The Pangolin.”

armored animal—scale lapping scale

nose and eye apertures impenetrably closable

rolls himself into a ball that has power to defy all effort to unroll it;

strongly intailed, neat head for core, on neck not breaking off

with curled-in feet

Now, based on Marianne’s poem, draw a picture of what you think a Pangolin looks like. When you’re finished, compare your drawing to a picture of a real pangolin.

www.worldwildlife.org/species/pangolin. How did you do?

Are you inspired to write your own unusual animal poetry? Research an animal that is new to you and write a short poem describing it. Then you can challenge a family member to try to draw a picture of the animal you wrote about.

We’d love to see your poems! If you’d like to share, please email them to eparker@rosenbach.org.