

## Alligator Scavenger Hunt

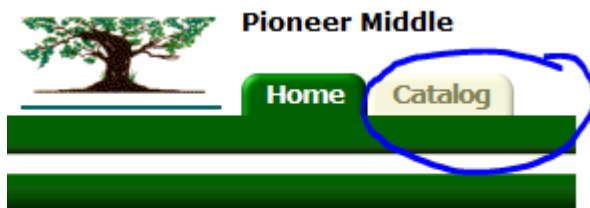
**Essential Question: Why are alligators in Florida protected by the Government?**

**To answer the essential question above you need current information concerning alligators in Florida. There are many different routes to choose when you search for information. Follow the directions below to help you find information. Write your answers on a separate piece of paper.**

### Route 1

First let's look for books in Pioneer's library catalog:

Go to our school website, [pioneermiddle.com](http://pioneermiddle.com). Select Library Resources. Select Pioneer's card catalog, called Destiny. Make the appropriate selections until you reach Pioneer's catalog. Choose the tab that's labeled: Catalog



In the FIND box type: alligators Now press Enter on your keyboard.

**(Write your answers on a separate piece of paper)**

**1)What is the title of the book written by John Becker?**

**2)What is the call number of this book? (example: 302.88 or 650.30)**

*Call numbers* are the numbers we put on the books to help us find the book on the shelf.

**3)What year was the book published?**

Now click on the button labeled: Details

LA.6.1.7.1 LA.6.2.2.1 LA.6.2.1.10 LA.6.2.2.2 LA.6.2.2.4 LA.6.2.2.5 LA.6.3.1.1 LA.6.3.2.1 LA.6.3.2.2  
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**The American alligator** [Details](#)  
597.98 BEC Becker, John E.  
Published 2004

You will see more information about the book. For instance, the “Publisher” is the name of the company who printed the book.

**4)What company is the publisher of “The American alligator”?**

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## Route #2

Let’s use Destiny to look for books in other Broward County Middle Schools.

In order to do this you must LOGIN to Destiny. Select the Login button.



*Username: student number*

*Password is: MM/DD/YYYY (You can always find the login info on page 7 of your agenda book)*

Now select the Catalog tab .

From this screen you change the “Location” to read: All Middle Schools



Search for books with the keyword: **alligators**

You should notice there are hundreds of items available through the schools on alligators.

**5) Write the title of one DVD that is listed when you searched with the keyword “alligators”.  
(The letters DVD will appear before the Call Number. Example: DVD 629.40)**

Go to the Details page for that DVD. Click on the “See all” button.

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There are no local copies of this title.  
2 of 2 copies are available off-site.

See all...

6) Write the name of one school that has that particular DVD.

Encyclopedias are an example of a reference book. The Call number begins with the letter: R  
Example: R 625.11

7) Write the name of one reference book you have found about alligators.

8) Write the name of one school that has that particular reference book.

*If you are doing research and find materials at other schools, we are able to get materials from all other schools. Just ask us to order it for you!*

### Route #3

Databases are programs that hold lots of specific information. Using Destiny you can search many different reference databases simultaneously.

In the FIND box type keywords associated with the topic you are searching. Since we are searching for information about alligators, in the FIND window type: alligators

Select the button on the far right: One Search



The computer will begin searching through many databases. Wait a minute and allow the computer to search. When you are ready, select the "Get Results" button at the bottom of the page.

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Searching Online Resources...

Get Results

You will see a list of databases. Click on "Show" under World Book for Kids

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LA.6.4.2.2 LA.6.5.2.1 LA.6.6.1.1 LA.6.6.2.1 LA.6.6.2.2 LA.6.6.2.4 LA.6.6.3.2 LA.6.6.4.1 LA.6.6.4.2



Click on the article titled: Alligator

**Showing Results 1 - 15 of 16 for alligators**

1. [Alligator](#)



Article  
Alligators are reptiles.

Skim this article to look for the following answer:

**9. What is the reason that alligators nearly died out?**

Now close this article about alligators.



Scroll down the list of reference databases you searched for previously and select "Nettrekker"



**netTrekker**  
**Found 73 results for "alligators"**  
The #1 educational search tool for K-12 sc

Nettrekker searches websites. Nettrekker is a better choice than Google for searching websites since all the information returned is VALID (true).

Click on the Middle School articles.

**10. List one URL (a URL is the computer address for the site: example: [www.alligators.com](http://www.alligators.com) )**

## Vocabulary to remember:

Destiny      catalog      call number      published      publisher

LA.6.1.7.1 LA.6.2.2.1 L.A.6.2.1.10 LA.6.2.2.2 LA.6.2.2.4 LA.6.2.2.5 LA.6.3.1.1 LA.6.3.2.1 LA.6.3.2.2  
LA.6.4.2.2 LA.6.5.2.1 LA.6.6.1.1 LA.6.6.2.1 LA.6.6.2.2 LA.6.6.2.4 LA.6.6.3.2 LA.6.6.4.1 LA.6.6.4.2

**keyword**      **Reference**      **database**      **valid**      **URL**