

Graded Assignment Expectations & Grading Rubric:

I have made sure that I have...

- ▶ Included my name on my work.
- ▶ Read the article and answer the questions using the RACE method, and PARAGRAPH FORM.

This assignment is worth a total of 10 points!

Write an explanation of each step in the box provided. What does each step mean?
Please be sure to focus on sentence structure, punctuation and grammar.

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END THE RESPONSE

Name: _____ (1 Point)

Score: _____ /10

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions using the RACE method.

The wind whistles down the cold, snowy mountains in China. All is quiet in the bamboo forest below. Suddenly—CRUNCH, SNAP! A bearlike creature appears out of the bamboo. For hours, the animal munches on one bamboo shoot after another. Then slowly, it lumbers over to a hollow tree, squeezes itself in, and falls fast asleep.

Many people recognize this animal by its white and black markings. Do you? It's a giant panda! Giant pandas have lived in the mountains of China for thousands of years. But now these special creatures are in danger of dying out. Some scientists say there are fewer than 1,000 giant pandas left in the wild in China.



Pandas in Danger

Pandas need a lot of food to survive. They sometimes eat fish and small rodents. But their main food is bamboo. A panda can eat up to 85 pounds of bamboo in just one day!

Long ago, finding bamboo was easy for pandas. China had many bamboo forests. But people have cut down more and more of these forests to make room for villages and farms. So pandas are losing their homes and their food. Sometimes the pandas starve.

Another danger for pandas is poachers. Poachers are people who hunt and kill animals, even though it is against the law. Poachers hunt pandas. Then they sell their skins in foreign countries for lots of money.

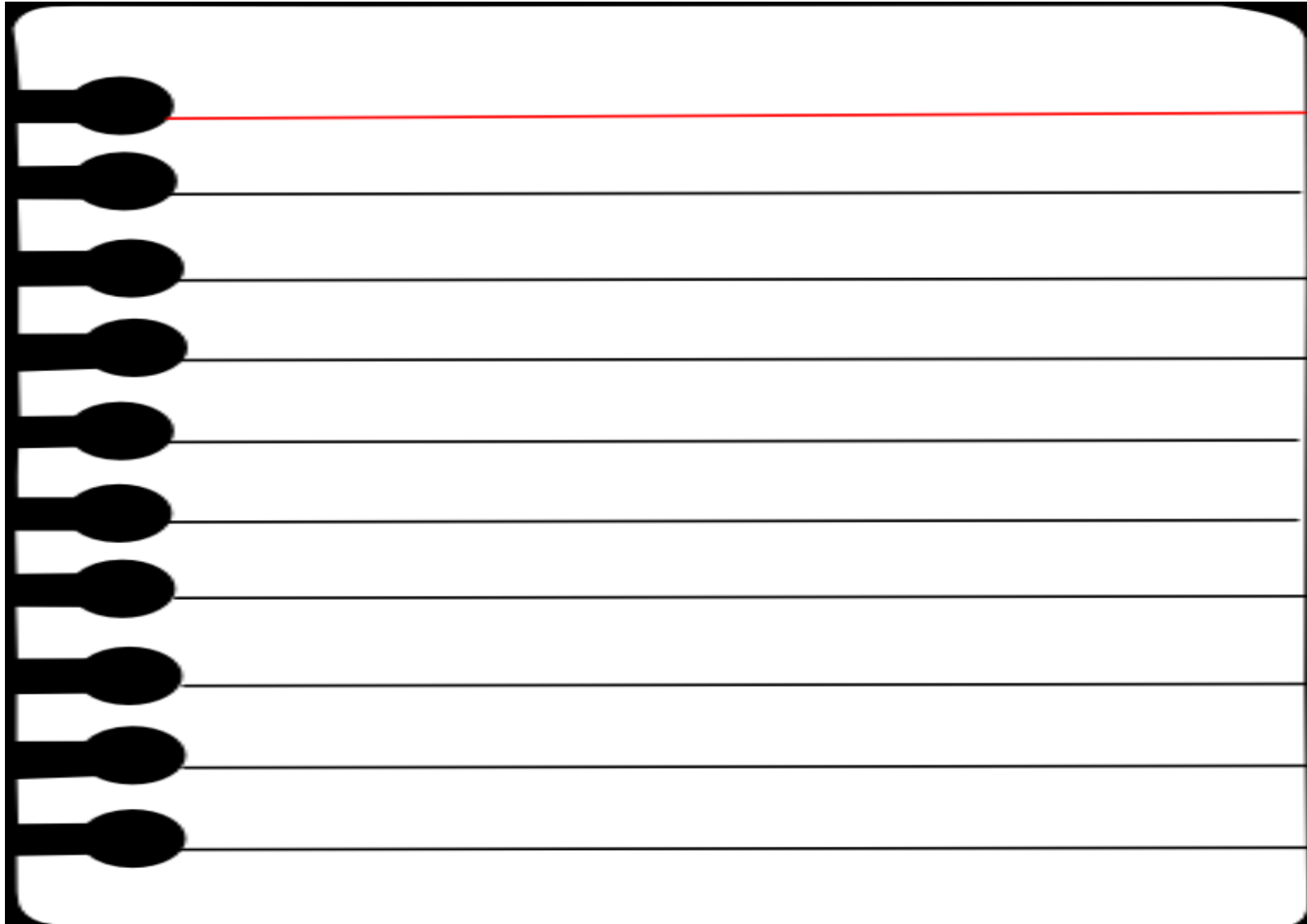
People Helping Pandas

Many people from around the world are working to help save giant pandas. Some people in China have set up special areas, called reserves, where the pandas can be safe.

On the reserves, workers try to protect pandas from poachers. They also stop villagers from cutting down bamboo forests. Sometimes workers buy land from villagers who live on the reserves. Then they can plant more bamboo for the pandas.

More bamboo forests and fewer poachers should help more pandas survive in the future.

How are pandas “special” as explained by the author? (Answer in paragraph form using the RACE method)



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We finished the RACE!