

Grades 6-8

Nova, “Arctic Wolf Pack”

At the very northern edge of North America is Ellesmere Island, where the unforgiving Arctic winds tear through the tundra, dipping temperatures to 40 below zero. Running through this shifting sea of snow and ice is one of the most hardened predators on the planet, the White Wolf. But as the spring melt approaches, these roaming hunters must adapt to being tethered parents as new additions to the pack have just been born. With their herds of prey continuing to move, we witness a desperate race to keep up and bring back a kill to the hungry mothers and cubs. Traveling farther and farther away from their den each day puts these hunters and their children at risk in this fight for survival.

After watching this episode, choose from the following questions and/or tasks to extend your learning

Question Box 1

- Which details support the key idea? Look for the who? What? When? Where? Why? How much? How many?
- What is the central message in Nature “Arctic Wolf Pack”? Explain?
- What are the program’s supporting claims or reasons that support the central message?
- What does the author tell the viewer through the TV program? What makes you believe this?
- What evidence does the TV show director give to support his or her central idea?
- Describe the Arctic Wolf.
- Describe the Arctic Wolf’s habitat.
- Why do these wolves travel in packs?
- What is a predator of wolves? What is their prey?
- What adaptations does the Arctic Wolf possess that helps them survive in the wild?

Question Box 2

- What resources will you need to learn more about this topic?
- What do you believe could have been done differently to help you learn this topic easier?
- Where did you encounter struggles understanding the topic, and how did you deal with it?
- If you were sharing the story of the Arctic Wolf, what do you think would be

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most important to share?

- What role does the Arctic Wolf play in its environment?

Box 3 (Tasks)

- Use a graphic organizer to compare and contrast the Arctic Wolf from its Grey Wolf cousin.
- Draw a map of the area inhabited by the Arctic Wolf.
- Create a children's book about the Arctic Wolf.

Box 4 (Enrichment)

- Describe the ecosystem where the Arctic Wolf lives.
- Learn more about the Arctic Wolf <https://a-z-animals.com/animals/arctic-wolf/>
- Draw an Arctic Wolf in its habitat.

Box 5 (Extend/Real-Life)

- Research the environment where the wolf was removed and describe with evidence how the removal changed the ecosystem.
- The Arctic pack had to use problem solving skills to survive and keep their young alive. What are some skills you use when you encounter a difficult situation? Write down in your journal how you deal with difficult situations.