

LIVE FROM BRAZIL!



WRITING

Grades: 3-5

Objectives: Amazing animals live in the many ecosystems of Brazil. Students will practice their research and informational writing skills while extending their learning about the incredible creatures of the Amazon and the Panatal.

What's Inside?

- lesson plan and resources
- short essays on the Amazon and Panatal
- student handouts

Sources: Britannica Kids and CILC Maker Space

RESEARCH PROJECT

- Review information about the Amazon and Pantanal regions with students and then share the list of animals with them.
- Ask students to choose animal to research or assign them an animal, using the websites and books linked below.
- They can use one of your regular organizers or the essay map on the next page to help them organize the information about their animal's appearance, habitat, diet, and behaviors that help them adapt and survive.
- After they have organized their research, they should compose drafts of their informational paragraphs.
- Once they have reviewed and edited their draft, they can publish the final version in their flip book. They can list the fun facts on the last flap.

WEBSITES: AMAZON

- www.ascentoftheamazon.com/learning-resources/amazon-animals-a-to-z/
- www.activewild.com/animals-in-the-amazon-rainforest/
- https://wwf.panda.org/discover/knowledge_hub/where_we_work/amazon/about_the_amazon/wildlife_amazon/

WEBSITES: PANATAL

- www.chimuadventures.com/blog/2017/09/wildlife-guide-pantanal/
- www.worldwildlife.org/stories/5-amazing-animals-that-live-in-the-pantanal-and-need-our-help
- https://pantanal.ch/en/fauna_en.html
- https://www.inaturalist.org/check_lists/119418-Pantanal-Check-List

BOOKS:

- <https://www.alibris.com/booksearch?mtype=B&title=amazon+rainforest>
- <https://www.amazon.com/Pantanal-Kitty-Riley-Kono/dp/1388127261>
- <https://www.pantanalescapes.com/about/furtherreading.html>

THE AMAZON



The Amazon is the mightiest river in South America. It carries more water than any other river. It is about 4,000 miles (6,400 kilometers) long. Only the Nile River in Africa is longer.

The Amazon begins in the Andes Mountains in Peru. From there it flows north and then east through Brazil. It empties into the Atlantic Ocean. The Amazon drains about one third of South America. This area includes most of Brazil and Peru and parts of Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, and Venezuela.

The Amazon region is the site of the world's largest **rain forest**. Its plant and animal life is remarkably rich. Almost three fourths of all the types of plants in the world grow there. The animals include monkeys, sloths, anteaters, armadillos, anacondas, toucans, and huge rodents called capybaras. The flesh-eating piranha is among the river's many fish.

Source: <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Amazon-River/346079>. Retrieved 05.25.22

THE PANATAL



The Pantanal is one of the world's largest freshwater wetlands. A wetland is an area where the land does not drain well, so the ground is full of water. The Pantanal lies in south-central Brazil and in parts of Paraguay and Bolivia.

The Pantanal covers about 54,000 square miles. It follows the upper Paraguay River and some of its branches for about 375 miles. During the rainy season (October–March), the rivers overflow. The lands around the rivers flood. The floodwaters form lakes, swamps, and marshes. The Pantanal is much drier during the winter season (April–September). The rivers return to their normal courses. But the lowlands are still flooded. The floodwaters help make the soil fertile.

Many different kinds of animals live in the Pantanal. Thousands of varieties of butterflies and hundreds of species of fish and birds live there. Many rare or endangered species can be found there as well, including jaguars, giant anteaters, and giant otters.

Source: <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Pantanal/600763>. Retrieved 05.25.22

ANIMALS OF THE AMAZON

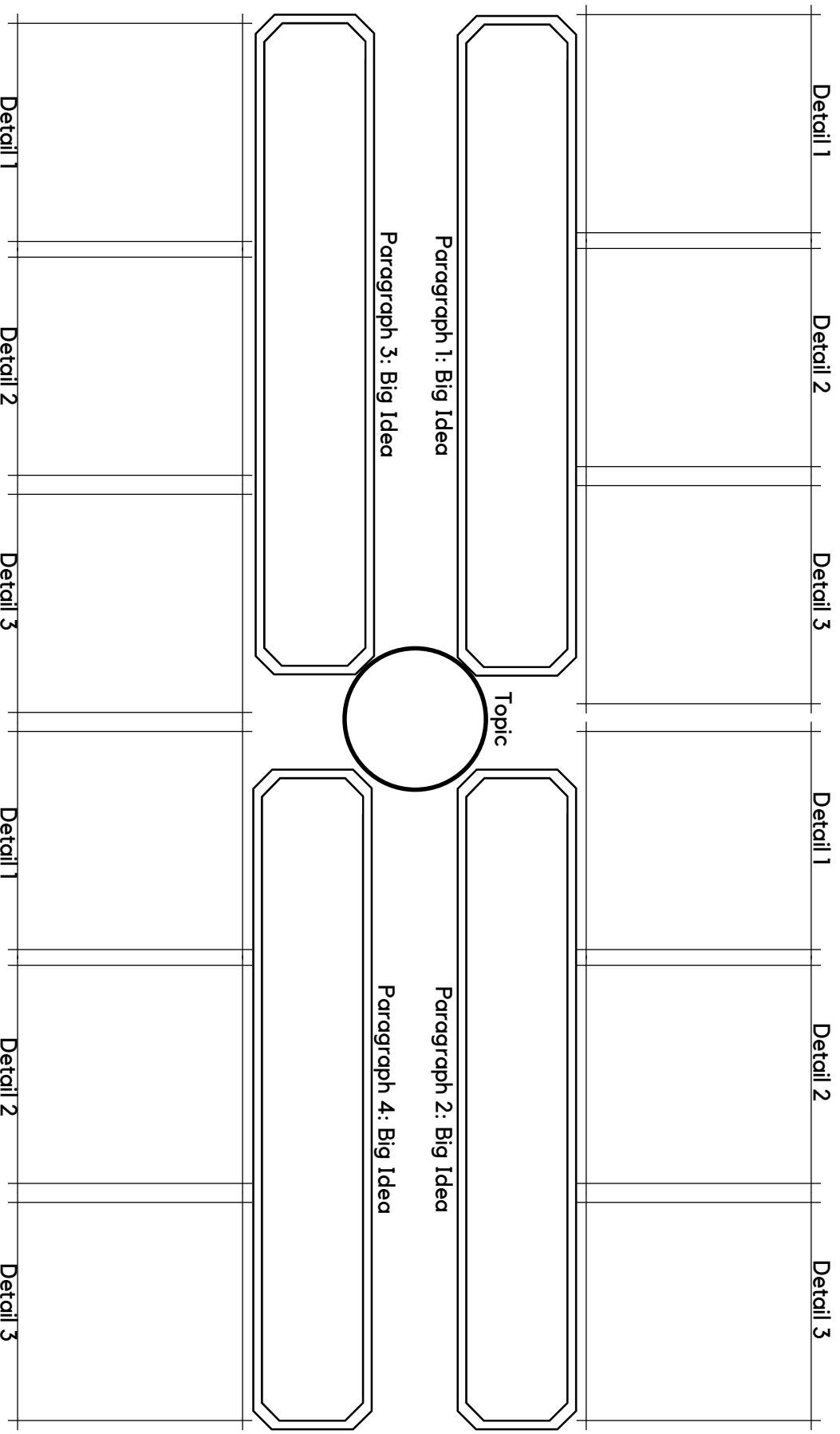
- Jaguar
- Giant River Otter
- Red Howler Monkey
- Capybara
- Black-capped Squirrel Monkey
- Sloth
- Collared Anteater
- Pink River Dolphin
- Puma
- Bearded Emperor Tamarin
- Amazonian Tapir
- Macaw
- Harpy Eagle
- Spangled Cotinga
- Royal Flycatcher
- Potoo Bird
- Toucan
- Paradise Tanager
- Poison Dart Frog
- Side-Necked Turtle
- Black Caiman
- Bicolored Tree Frog
- Green Anaconda
- Leafcutter Ant
- Pink Toe Tarantulas
- Blue Morpho Butterfly
- Urodid Moth Cocoon
- Amber Phantom Butterfly
- Brazilian Wandering Spider
- Piranha

ANIMALS OF THE PANATAL

- Giant Anteater
- Six-banded or Nine-banded Armadillo
- Tapeti
- Capuchin Monkeys
- Black-tailed Marmoset
- Brazilian Porcupine
- Marsh Deer
- Peccary
- Lowland Tapir
- Ring-Tailed Coati
- Ocelot
- Hyacinth Macaw
- Toto Toucan
- Caiman
- Anaconda
- Green Iguana
- Velvet Swamp Snake
- Giant Parrot Snake
- Cururu Toad

Name _____

Date _____



Animal Research Flip Book

Appearance

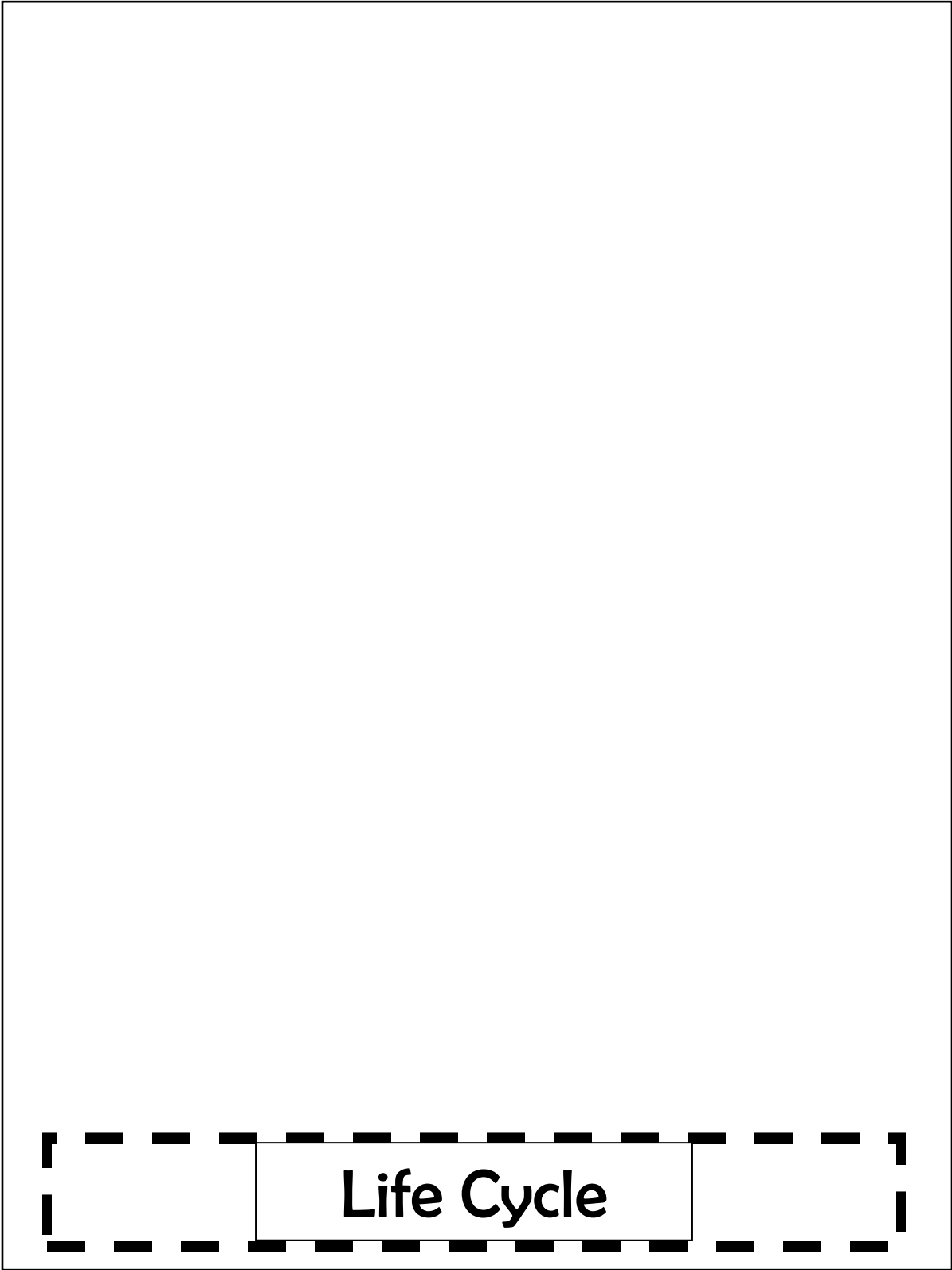
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Habitat

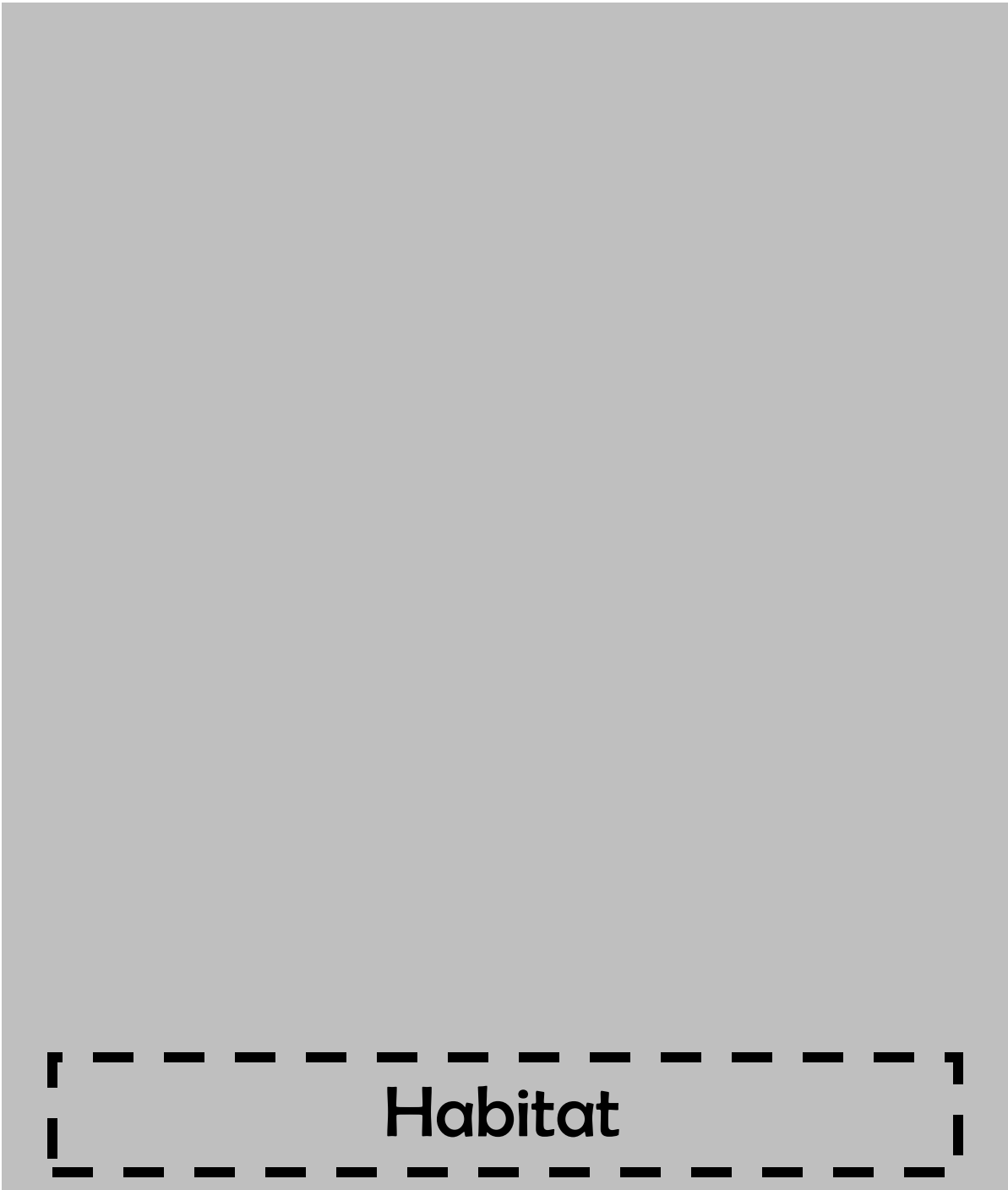
Life Cycle

Interesting Facts

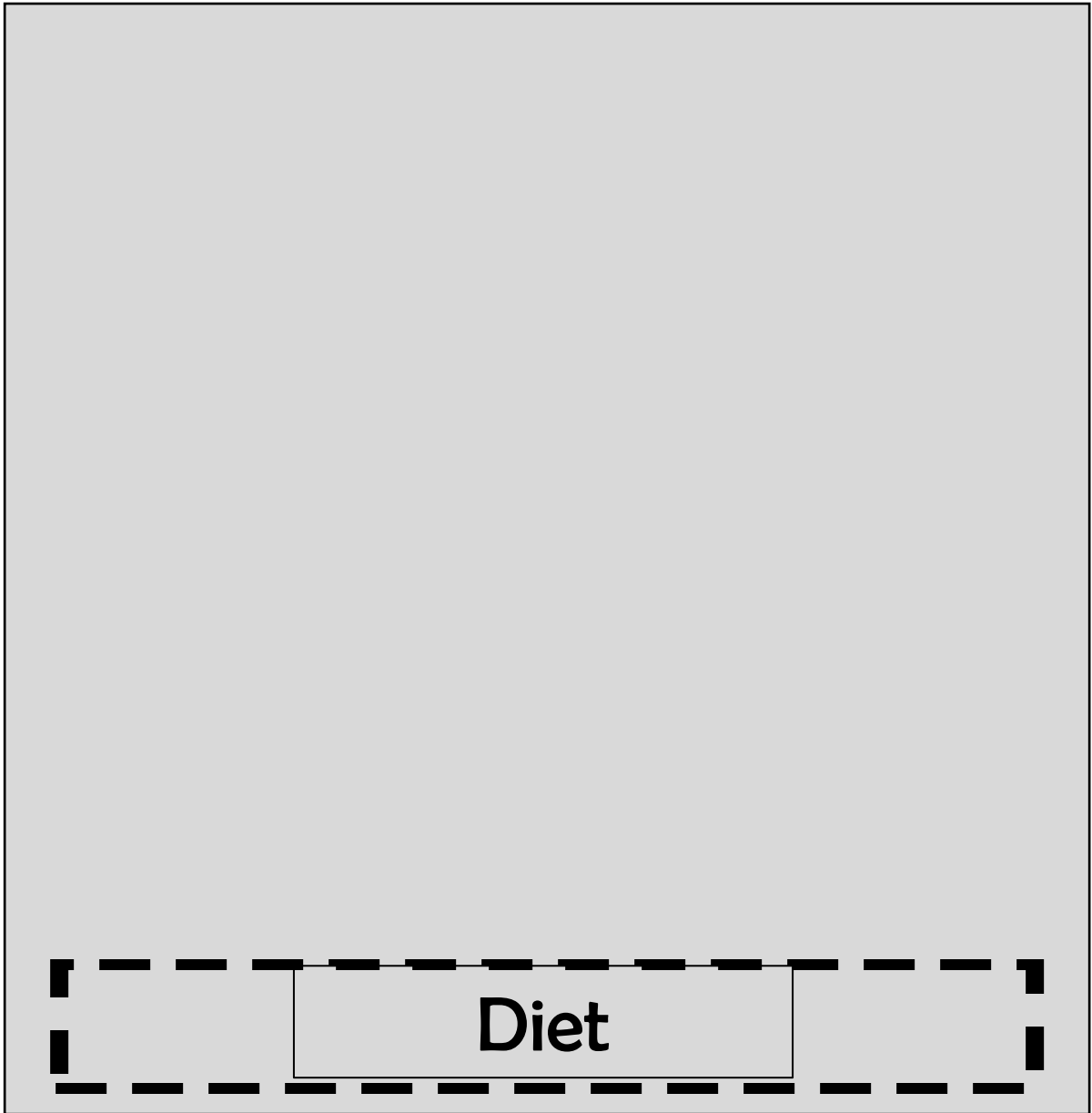
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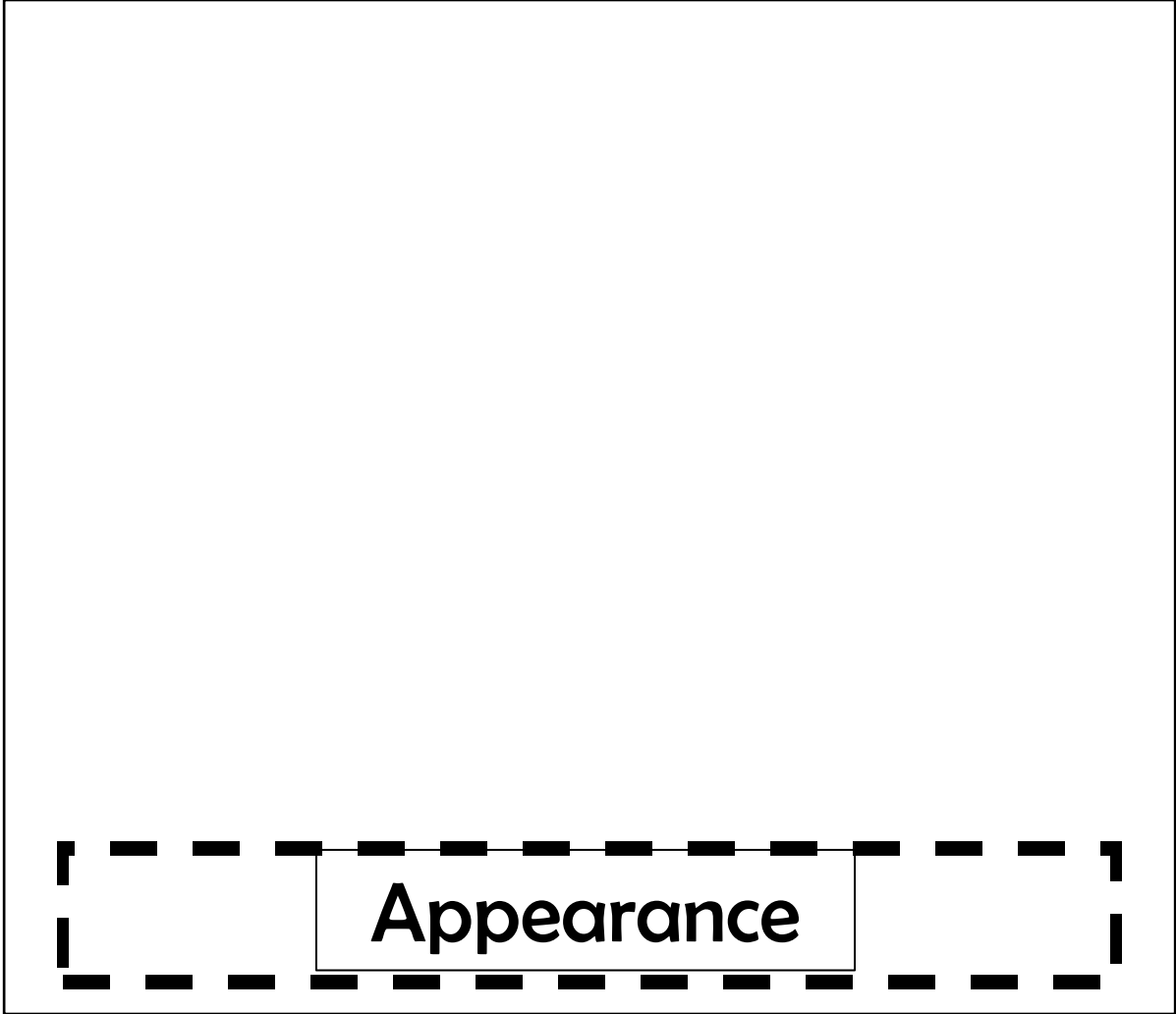
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