EXPLORING FARMS

What does an animal farm look like?

What do I know about animal farms?
ACTIVITY: Don't look at the following pages yet.
Close your eyes and imagine what you think most animal farms look like. Think about how the farm animals are treated. Open your eyes and draw what you envisioned using the Draw an Animal Farm worksheet below.

After you draw your picture look at the images of a factory farm and a farm animal sanctuary (below the drawing worksheet). **Don't look at the images until you finish your drawing.** Compare what you just described to the images provided.

99% of farms in the United States are like the factory farm, a small percentage of family farms still exist, and there are approximately 96 established farm animal sanctuaries across the country.* Factory farms and family farms kill chickens for meat or use hens for eggs. When the hens no longer lay enough eggs, they are usually killed for meat as well. Farm animal sanctuaries rescue chickens from mistreatment and take care of them for the rest of their lives. Sanctuaries care for farm animals like they are companions or pets.

Do the True/False activity below and answer based on what is real for you.

- **I was surprised to learn that about 99% of farm animals are raised on large farms called factory farms.** (True or False?_________)
- **I didn’t know there were places called farm animal sanctuaries that care for cows, pigs, and chickens in the same way that animal adoption centers care for dogs and cats.** (True or False?_________)
- **I didn’t know that when a farm worker thinks a hen is not laying enough eggs anymore, she is then killed for meat.** (True or False?_________)
- **If I were a farmer, I would operate a family farm.** (True or False?_________)
- **If I were a farmer, I would only grow plant foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and grains.** (True or False?_________)
- **I would like to visit a farm animal sanctuary.** (True or False?_________)
- **I want to learn more about different types of farms and how farm animals are treated.** (True or False?_________)
- **The needs and feelings of farm animals are not that different from those of dogs and cats.** (True or False?_________)
- **I am concerned about the way farm animals are treated.** (True or False?_________)

Directions: Draw what you imagined an animal farm to look like.

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Turkeys raised on a factory farm.

Girl holding a chicken at a farm animal sanctuary.

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