

Personification: Cowbirds

Final Assignment Instructions

In this lesson, you have learned about the uses of personification in a nonfiction story. You will now write an essay that demonstrates what you have learned and how you responded to personification in the story of the cowbirds. You will need a printout of your notes.

- **Choose** one of the topics below and **write** an essay.
- **Organize** your response so that it includes at least three supporting details that you have learned from the reading passage, videos, and other materials in this lesson.
- **Use** at least three vocabulary words (or a form of the words) as part of your supporting details.

Essay Topics

1. The warblers are only personified once or twice in the story. If you were to personify them further, what words or phrases would you choose, and why?
2. How would you tell the story of the cowbirds without personification? Write a paragraph describing the problem they create without using personification, and then explain whether it is as likely to get readers interested in the cowbirds as personification would.

Vocabulary Words

behavior

characteristics

motive

personification

personify

species