Reptiles (Herpetology) Journal Questions

1. Describe three unique characteristics of reptiles.

2. Draw and label the four parts of a turtle shell.

3. Why is it potentially harmful to our local environment to release non-native animals?
4. Describe two ways you can generally tell if a snake in the Southeast is venomous.

5. What are some differences between land turtles and semi-aquatic turtles?

6. What are two differences between alligators and crocodiles?

7. What is a keystone species? If an ecosystem loses the keystone species, what happens?
8. What do you think would happen if we let visitors pet and feed our sea turtle, and then released her into the wild?

9. It is illegal in Georgia to take any native animal and keep it as a pet. Why is this law important?

10. What was your favorite animal you met today? What is something unique about this animal?