What is a Wanted Poster? A wanted poster is a sign used to inform the public that a criminal is at large. Sometimes local authorities will offer rewards for any information that leads to an arrest. Wanted posters have been around for centuries but are most noted during the period of the wild west (1865 – 1895).

Background Information

An invasive species is a species that is not native to an ecosystem and causes damage to the environment, economy, or human health. Any type of organism can be invasive. Thus, an invasive species can be a plant, animal, fungus, or even bacteria.

Invasive species are usually introduced by humans either on purpose or by accident. The introduction of nonnative plants and animals can cause considerable damage to the ecosystem and native wildlife. For instance, the invasive species may out-compete native species which can lead to loss of biodiversity. Human health can also be affected. Some invasive species transmit diseases. For instance, the Asian tiger mosquito can carry the West Nile virus. Other species, such as the hemlock plant, are poisonous to humans.

Yet another consequence of introducing invasive species is economic. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that invasive species cost the United States over 100 billion dollars in damages every year.

WANTED POSTER EXPECTATIONS

- Complete the invasive species research sheet prior to creating your wanted poster. #6-12 MUST BE COMPLETE SENTENCES.
- As you conduct research, cite all sources on the works cited page provided.
- Only use reliable internet sources. Wikipedia is not a reliable website because the articles can be written and edited by anyone.
- Your poster must include a photo of the invasive species.
- The invasive species must be labeled with the common name.
- You must include a full paragraph (12 sentences) that describes the crime of this species. You should take the role of a wildlife officer who is seeking a criminal invasive species. If possible, try to add a little dialect from the wild west. For example, you could use a few slang words (howdy partner, giddy up, skedaddle, etc.).
- Proper spelling and grammar (not including slang) should be used.
- Be creative! Design your poster in a fun wild-west theme. Make sure to fully look over the example provided by your teacher.
1. Species Common Name:

2. Species Scientific Name:

3. Native Geographical Location/Habitat:

4. Invaded Geographical Location/Habitat:

5. Date of Introduction:

6. How was this species introduced? Was the introduction intentional or accidental? Explain.

7. Identification: Briefly describe key features of your organism. The description should have enough detail so that any person can easily identify this species if seen.

8. Life Cycle: Describe or include a picture of the species lifecycle.
9. Consequences of Introduction:
   - Impact on the Ecosystem
   - Impact on the Economy
   - Impact on Human Health

10. Methods of Control: How can we get rid of the current population?

11. Prevention Methods: How can we prevent more invasions from this organism?

12. Laws or Regulations: Are there any laws that exist to help stop the spread of this invasive species?
List of Sources (you may just copy and paste the URL)

Google is NOT a source. A source is the actual website you open to look up information.
WANTED
DEAD OR ALIVE

$100,000 REWARD

Wanted By:
Wanted For:
Description of Crime:

INSERT NAME
EXAMPLE

PROJECT
Wanted By: Wildlife Officer Mcgee
Wanted For: Killing native frogs in the western United States
Description of Crime: Howdy, my name is Sheriff McGee and I am looking for every single American Bullfrog you can round up. The crime committed by this varmint is gluttony, plain and simple. You see, the problem with this here critter is that it will eat anything and everything that fits in its big gaping mouth. This voracious appetite causes a problem for native frogs because they do not get enough to eat. You may be wondering how such a criminal arrived on the west coast. Well, the American Bullfrog originated on the east coast of the united states and was brought over yonder to the west coast in the early 1900s. Folks back then thought that the bullfrog would make some good eatin’. Ever since then, this guy has been nothing but a nuisance. It is high time that we figure out a way to control this big-mouthed pest. This is why I am offering $100,000 to any man, woman, or child who can round up every American Bullfrog in the wild west!

$100,000 REWARD