**My Grassland Comparison**

**Directions: Gently throw a hula hoop (or another item of similar size and shape) into your lawn. Look closely at what plant/animal life lands inside your circle.**

**Answer the following questions about your lawn findings:**

1. **How many different plant species did you find?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **How many different animal species did you find?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **Describe what you saw: (Examples: mostly red and black beetles; 10 insects, 2 arachnids, 1 centipede; covered all in grass—no other plants, etc.)**

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**Draw the plants & animals within your hula hoop in your lawn.**

**Now move to a prairie (such as at the Kansas Museum of History trails) or another prairie close to your home. Repeat the same process!**

**Answer the following questions about your prairie findings:**

1. **How many different plant species did you find?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
2. **How many different animal species did you find?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **Describe what you saw:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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4. What similarities or differences did you observe between the two grassy areas?**

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**5. Which had more plant and animal life—your lawn or a prairie? Why do you think that is? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Draw the plants & animals within your hula hoop in the prairie.**