

Exploring a Zooniverse Project Worksheet

Introduction

Engineers take scientific knowledge, usually from multiple scientific disciplines, and apply it to create useful technology. On the Zooniverse website and in the questions below, you will learn more about how multiple scientific and engineering disciplines are applied to create innovative technology that employs citizen science to achieve its goals.

Instructions

Review the Zooniverse website (www.zooniverse.org). Pick a Zooniverse project and use the information provided by the project's website to answer the questions below.

Note: Each project has a few pages of background information in the About section, Science section, blog and/or other areas of the project website. However, sometimes the information needed to answer the questions is not explicitly stated on the project's website. In those cases, infer the answer using the available information to provide your best idea/guess.

Questions

1. Go to www.zooniverse.org. Spend 1-3 minutes looking through the projects and then pick one that looks interesting. Write the project name below:

2. Do a classification or two for the project, but do not spend more than 5 minutes on it. What was your impression of it? (2-3 sentences)

3. Who are the researchers, what fields of science and engineering to they represent, and what do they provide? What is the role of the non-scientists/citizens in this project?

