Make Ice Age Animal Puppets

Explore some of the animals that lived in Alaska long ago!

During the last Ice Age, about 100,000 to 12,000 years ago, interior Alaska was home to many BIG mammals, including woolly mammoths, steppe bison, muskoxen, bears, and even giant beavers! These animals, called *megafauna*, were some of the largest land animals to ever live on Earth.

Pleistocene of Alaska by Jay Matternes ever live on Earth

Materials Needed:

Puppet templates (or draw your own), googly eyes, brown yarn, tissue paper, popsicle sticks, scissors, colored pencils or crayons, glue or tape, other craft supplies (sequins, craft foam, pipe cleaners, etc.).

Instructions:

Step 1: Choose which puppet to make: woolly mammoth, steppe bison, short-faced bear, or scimitar cat. Make one puppet, or make them all!

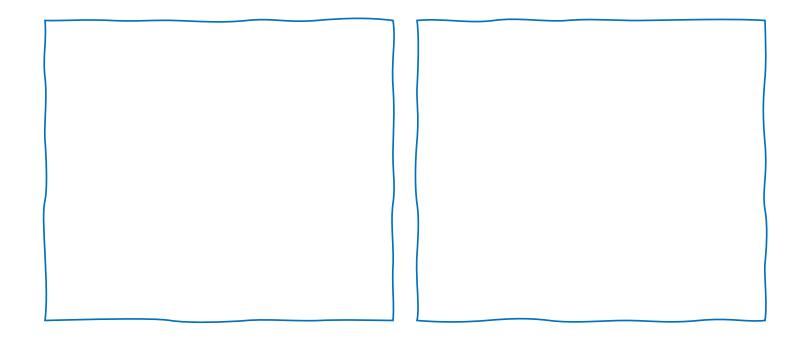
Step 2: Out out the puppet template. Use the provided materials, or other craft supplies you have available, to decorate your puppet. Make your puppet look realistic, or use your imagination!

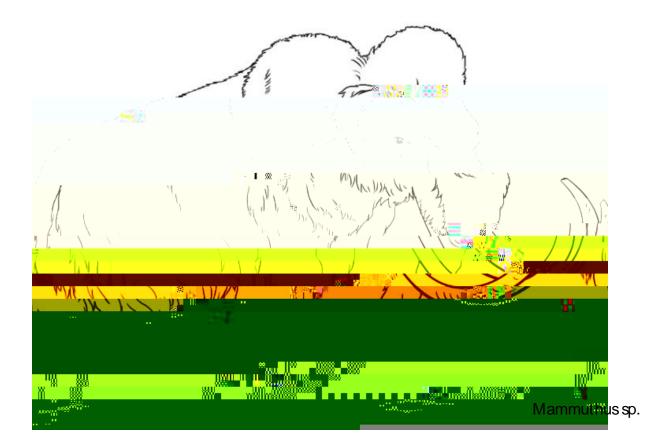
Step 3: Glue or tape a popsicle stick to the back of the puppet as a handle.

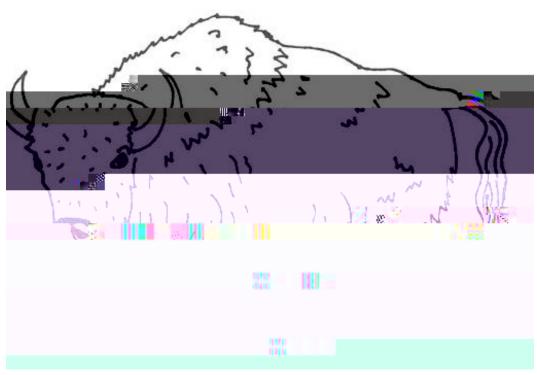
Step 4:

Ice Age Animals in Alaska

During the last Ice Age, about 100,000 to 12,000 years ago, interior Alaska was free of glaciers, and the climate was cold and dry. This *Mammoth Steppe*



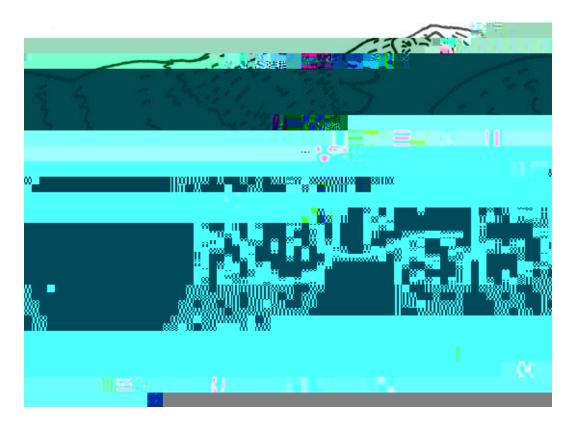




Bison priscus

Note: Images are not to scale.

Homotherium serum



Arctodus simus

