

Alligators and Crocodiles essay

Do you know how is it to live with dry scales?
Some animals have this kind of skin. Such as alligators and crocodiles. There are similarities and differences between alligators and crocodiles.

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Many alligators and crocodiles have differences. Source 1 states that alligators lay 20 to 50 eggs, while source 2 says crocodiles lay up to 25 to 80 eggs. Woah! That is a life time supply of eggs! Source 1 also says alligators only take 65 days to hatch while source 2 says crocodiles take 90 days to hatch. Wow, that's amazing! Alligator babies are 6-8 inches when born. Wow! That's tiny compared to the crocodile because their babies are 12 inches! Alligators live in rivers, lakes, ponds, swamps, marshes, and bayous. Woah! That's a lot compared to crocodiles who only live in large tropical rivers. Alligators are clumsy on land, but crocodiles are fast on land and water. Also, some crocodiles live in salt water.

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To continue, these reptiles have many more differences. Alligators live in Florida and Louisiana, but crocodiles live in Florida, the Caribbean, Mexico, Venezuela, Australia, and Africa. THAT'S A LOT! Crocodiles have long v-shaped heads and alligators have a short u-shaped head. Alligators are less aggressive and darker in color than crocodiles. Also, a crocodile's 4th tooth sticks out when its mouth is closed.

Did you know that alligators and crocodiles also have similarities? Source 1 states the age of reptiles have survived for 200 million years!!! It also states that they are closely related to dinosaurs, Source 1 and 2 talk about how these reptiles are very attentive parents. It also states that females build nests and lay eggs. When born, babies make a high pitched cry to get attention. The babies eat insects and stay with mom for two years. Crocodiles and alligators are both cold-blooded.

As a result, crocodiles and alligators are a little bit the same, but very very different, also these reptiles are very cool. We need to take the time to learn more about them.