

Mexican Gray Wolf Pup Names – Doci

I chose the name Doci because wolves are naturally docile (submissive) around other wolves in a pack ranking higher than them. I think it fits a wolf pup because pups are still learning their place in a pack and figuring out the meaning of order. The name Doci could mean one is balanced, at peace, and calm and it can also symbolize wisdom from being so tranquil and absorbent.

The name Doci is suited best for a low-ranking wolf but if the member's ranking is higher that's fine. (Doci is pronounced DAA-see)

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I chose the name "Remus" because the character, Remus Lupin, from the Harry Potter series, happens to be a werewolf; He is also one of the most compassionate characters within the series, and I find it suiting; Giving a species often seen as brutal, and a perfect trophy, a name that represents someone kind, gentle, and generous, might assist in changing views on poaching! On top of that, Remus is a cherished character by a majority that have either read the books, or watched the movies; Never have I met someone that disliked him. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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NOTE: One of the ways we introduced students to the importance of wolves was through the short video “How Wolves Change Rivers” by Films For Action ([How Wolves Change Rivers](#)). You may see it referenced in several entries. It really made an impact on students on how important wolves are to ecosystems!

The following entries were by students in Ms. Sarah Hooper’s 6th grade science class:

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Julius D.
Wolf Pup Name:	Dientes
ESSAY:	I say the wolf pup’s name should be Dientes. Dientes means “teeth” in <i>Spanish</i> . I think this is a good name because the wolves really rely on their teeth. They use them to rip meat off of a carcass, they help the wolf hunt and kill its prey. They also help it eat. A wolf literally could not live without its teeth. I understand that it would be kind of weird to call a wolf “Teeth” so I translated it to Spanish. Spanish is also a really popular language here in New Mexico so that’s another reason that I translated teeth to Spanish. Any way, I hope you all choose the name that I am entering, and thank you for giving me a chance at getting to name a wolf!

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Thomas D.
Wolf Pup Name:	Sky
ESSAY:	I think Sky is a good name because Sky's wings help him/her fly high in the air and they flap their powerful wings of determination to fill their rivals with fear. Their wings also help him/her fly at unbelievable speeds, so they can catch their prey.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Mary F.
Wolf Pup Name:	Koa
ESSAY:	<p>The Mexican Grey Wolf 's population used to stretch all across the southwest (Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and the country of Mexico). Now there is only a small population of them on the border of New Mexico and Arizona. Today there are only 115 in the wild and 300 in captivity, when there used to be thousands. This is due to government encouragement of killing and hunting by humans. The Mexican Grey Wolf is one of the most endangered mammals in the U.S.A. That's why I like to consider them the Warriors of the West, since they are fighting to stay alive. Koa is <i>Hawaiian</i> for "warrior." That's why I chose the name Koa for the wolf pup.</p> <p>Koa is gender neutral name, which is good because if you have more boy names than girl names then you can use Koa for either.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Tyler K. and Marcos G.
Wolf Pup Name:	Helig (Holy)
ESSAY:	We picked Heilig (Holy) because the Mexican grey wolves have nearly been extinct since the 1900's and lots have been killed so they have become HOLY. Also we picked it in <i>Swedish</i> because I am slowly learning the language and it is a part of my family name

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Cooper H.
Wolf Pup Name:	Gaea
ESSAY:	<p>I am choosing this name because Gaea is the Goddess of the earth in Greek Mythology. Mexican Gray Wolves and wolves in general keep habitats stable by keeping populations of Deer and Bunny not cold (under populated), not hot (overpopulated), but just right. If they did not exist, who knows where the animal kingdom would be now. In my opinion, they are the guardians of the earth. For example, in Yellowstone National Park, they reintroduced wolves into the park which helped bring down the deer population and that made them move to a different area, which helped the plants grow and stabilize the river. The name is pronounced Gay-a or Gai-a.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Kendra H.
Wolf Pup Name:	Echo
ESSAY:	<p>I think The name Echo would be a good name for a Wolf pup Because when a Wolf howls the sound kind of echoes back. The sound of a wolf's howl makes me happy because I like how their howl echoes if you hear them howl. The word Echo comes from Greek Mythology. Some people believe that Hera cursed another Greek goddess that was named Echo. The cures made Echo repeat anything anybody said and that's how we got the word echo. I think the name Echo is a happy and fun name for a Wolf Pup. I think it would be a great name for a wolf pup because wolves have this amazing howl to communicate. I think that Echo is a really amazing name.</p> <p>"I've been running through the jungle. I've been running with the wolves to get to you" ~Selena Gomez</p> <p>I love that song by Selena Gomez called "Wolves." Thanks.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Kyle M. and Rowan M.
Wolf Pup Name:	Naji (ناجي): <i>Arabic</i> for “Survivor” (Nah-Jee)
ESSAY:	<p>We think that Naji (Nah-Jee) is good name because it is <i>Arabic</i> for “survivor.” Survivor is a good name for a wolf pup because there are very few of them left. According to Google, there are only about 300 in captivity and 115 in the wild. Survivor or Naji means they survived through this 100 year war and killing of Mexican Gray Wolves and their parents did too. They could be killed off at any time because they live in Mexico and the Four Corner states. Someone who wants to kill them off could send troops to kill all in captivity and in the wild. We are pretty sure there is someone who has tried to kill one in the past 10 years. Even then they still survive. This is why we think Naji (Nah-Jee) is a good name for a wolf pup.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Olivia K.
Wolf Pup Name:	Aztec
ESSAY:	<p>I think that Aztec would be a good name for many reasons. First of all I am writing a story about wolves and there is a wolf named Aztec. My second reason is that the Aztecs were a group of people that lived in central Mexico before the Spanish conquered the area and it's only fitting if a Mexican gray wolf had a name that connects to Mexicans that probably dealt with the wolves back in the 13th century. The Aztecs were very resourceful, like wolves they made homes using what they could find. Wolves use things like small cave dens, large burrows, and holes in trees. The Aztecs however used things like stones, wood, and even clay. They were smart, strong, and resourceful people. Mexican gray wolves are very smart animals, they also are strong animals who are able to take down large prey when they work together. In the end, I feel that if a wolf pup got this name it would fit him well and it would connect him to Mexico's very interesting past.</p> <p>A Forever Friend Of Wolves, Olivia K.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Caden M. and Josh L.
Wolf Pup Name:	Dientes
ESSAY:	A wolf pup should be named Dientes because in <i>Spanish</i> dientes is “teeth” and wolves are carnivores with sharp teeth. They have really sharp canines which means more than likely they are carnivores. So we called them Dientes basically because they are carnivores. Also we named it in Spanish because it sounds better to us than “teeth.” Also we named it in Spanish because it’s a Mexican wolf. `

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Morgan L.
Wolf Pup Name:	Eco
ESSAY:	<p>I chose this name because I know the importance of wolves in the wild. Wolves have an amazing impact on the ECOsystem. One great example is in the Yellowstone National Park. The number of deer and elk had gone up tremendously without the wolves- in spite of humans trying to control them. When wolves arrived in 1995 they had the most memorable impact. They changed the way the deer and elk behaved, they made empty, blank, mesas start to sprout aspens, more and more birds, especially song birds, moved in. Beavers love trees that have sprouted, so they move in also. Wolves killed coyotes, so that made the area "safe" for mice and rabbits. More hawks, foxes, badgers, weasels, and ravens came in because of the higher population of mice and rabbits. Bears also moved in because of the berries growing of the new vegetation. Bears reinforced the wolves by killing deer and elk, eating what they wanted, then leaving the carcasses. It saved the time of going and killing, so it helped the wolves greatly. Wolves also helped the river. They helped the river meander less, the chanel narrowed, and more pools formed. Regenerating forests stabilized banks, so they wouldn't collapse. This helped the river become more established in its path. There was also a soil erosion that the thick vegetation stabilized also. I chose the name Eco because I have proof of how crucial wolves are to the ECOsystem.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Abby M. and Alondra A.
Wolf Pup Name:	Lago
ESSAY:	<p>We propose that the new wolf pup's name should be Lago. Lago means "lake" in Spanish. Lakes are not clear; they are dark and people get afraid of them, but like wolves' hearts they are sweet. In the world people assume that things are bad and evil when they don't know them truly. The Mexican grey wolves are near extinction because of humans like us hunting them off. In the wild there are about fifty to one hundred Mexican grey wolves left, but things can change, new water can flow into the lake. Ecosystems rely on the wolves, the wolves hunt the deer which balances the population. Wolves are amazing animals and we should protect them. We need the "lake" to help our ecosystem thrive.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Kyle M.
Wolf Pup Name:	Filtiarn (<i>male name</i>)
ESSAY:	<p>Filtiarn is the <i>Celtic</i> Lord of wolves. This is why one Mexican Wolf pup should be named Filtiarn. I have a feeling that one of these pups will become an Alpha Male and will live a good life. Only enough predictions. These wolves are in trouble and this program is the reason the Mexican Wolf is not extinct. Currently it is the most endangered wolf in North America right after the Red Wolf. This program brought the Mexican Wolf back from the verge of extinction. In 1976, there were only 50. Now it is up to 120 and 300 Wolves in captivity. It is half the size of the gray wolf at 50-85 pounds. I don't completely know what Wolf species Filtiarn was, only they most had relatively close diets. The Mexican Wolf eats no humans; the Mexican wolf eats mostly Elk, White Tailed Deer and Mule Deer. The wolf brings a change to an ecosystem. Example: When wolves were introduced to Yellowstone by hunting the weak deer they helped the deer, that had been overgrazing which caused erosion which made Yellowstone less beautiful. Only with less, deer less erosion, helping the plants. Which brought bears back because bears eat berries and fish (less erosion into the river helped the river, which helped the fish). The wolves killed some Coyotes which meant more rabbits. Which was more food for small predators. It helped everywhere. If that could happen in New Mexico that would be awesome. Added bonus Filtiarn liked when everyone thrived. This is why a Mexican Wolf pup should be named Filtiarn.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Shay O.
Wolf Pup Name:	Leechaa'l - means "dog" in <i>Navajo</i>
ESSAY:	<p>The reason that I chose this name is because it means "dog" in <i>Navajo</i> and a dog is a breed in the Mexican grey wolves' blood. Another reason that I named it this is because the wolf also acts like a dog. Another reason is that the wolf and dog both can and have to eat vegetables and also meat. Some dogs look like a wolf face and all have canines and a snout. Another is that all dogs and wolves are predators because they have eyes forward and canines and it even goes for bulldogs and dogs from all over the world.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Malia R.
Wolf Pup Name:	Hunter
ESSAY:	<p>I think the name Hunter would be a good name for a wolf pup because the Mexican Grey wolf is a hunter, also a predator to Elk, white tailed deer, and mule deer. Those are also the kind of animals hunters go and hunt. So I think that would be a good name since they have things in common. Also because there are good hunters and not so good and some Mexican Grey wolves aren't that good of a hunter. The name Hunter suits a name for a Mexican Grey wolf for the things it represents.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Josh R.
Wolf Pup Name:	Hunter
ESSAY:	<p>The name Hunter for a Mexican Gray Wolf is appropriate for a number of reasons. One of most obvious reasons why a Mexican Gray Wolf should be named Hunter is because Mexican Gray Wolves are carnivores. They eat meat such as deer, elk, and sometimes, injured birds, rats or mice.</p> <p>The second reason why a Mexican Gray Wolf should be named Hunter is because they are hunters. Mexican Gray Wolves stalk their prey for sometimes hours, slowly creeping up until they pounce on their prey going for the quick kill.</p> <p>Though being great hunters they have been the hunted from the early 1,400 and the late 1,300 they were starting to get exterminated because human were competing for resources with them so they thought if we got rid of them we will be able to hunt more deer, and there wouldn't be anything competing with them and deer, and other resources and foods. After burning down the Mexican Gray Wolf population in 1,976 there was about 50 left when the Game and Fish finally stepped in and helped save them from extinction. Now that we are introducing them to our ecosystem like Yellowstone National Park we are seeing the ecosystem thrive from the wolves hunting the deer, and it has a lot of positive effects on the ecosystem and the animals in the ecosystem and even the river. Thanks to Mexican Gray Wolves, like possibly Hunter.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Emma S.
Wolf Pup Name:	Timber
ESSAY:	<p>I chose this name because Timber is a type of tree and timber trees can grow in forests which is where Mexican Grey Wolves live. I also chose this name because timber trees are very strong and are born. I know that wolves are also really strong and they can get through a lot. Wolves fight to protect their pack and for their wolf pups, or they can fight their prey to eat. The timber trees fight against storms and humans; if they get turned into furniture they hold a long time . The wolves are also strong like wood. Timber's come in all sorts of colors like brown, green, yellowish. Mexican Grey Wolves also come in all sorts of colors (even though their name is Mexican Grey Wolves) they can come in brown, grey, and tan with light colored underparts.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Nathan C.
Wolf Pup Name:	Bear
ESSAY:	Bear could be good for a Mexican grey wolf because I think that that means that he / she will grow up strong. This brings me into my second reason that this is a genderless name so it could be a name for any wolf pup which I think is kind of unique and cool from all of the names on the list previously. I think that Bear is a good name because it shows awareness for a lot of the Bears around the United States. To conclude I think that this would be a very nice name for a Wolf.


Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Daniel H. and Zohar G.
Wolf Pup Name:	Boss
ESSAY:	<p>Prononciation: bow-ss</p> <p>We named the pup Boss because they are the bosses of the food chain. They are predators of so many animals that they are in control of the food chain. According to Yellowstone National park, wolves started controlling the population deer, elk, etc., allowing more plants to grow and letting the river refill. That is why we named it Boss.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Amy H. and Liz R.
Wolf Pup Name:	Salju
ESSAY:	The reason we want to choose the name Salju is because Salju means "snow" in <i>Indonesian</i> . This is close to me (Amy) because I lived in Indonesia for 11 years of my life. The name is also very pretty and would suit any wolf, female or male. Based on our research, many wolves like in Yellowstone National Park, live in snow. The name Salju will also help give the wolves a sense of innocence so that humans can see that they are not all bad.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Zoe K.
Wolf Pup Name:	Severus
ESSAY:	<p>I think Severus (as in Severus Snape from Harry Potter) would be a good name for a wolf pup. I think this because many people interpret wolves as evil, or bad. This is influenced by stories like Little Red Riding Hood, The Big Bad Wolf, or the Boy Who Cried Wolf. Children are taught from a very young age that wolves are bad, maybe not purposefully, but subconsciously. Many children fear wolves. But like Severus Snape, wolves may look mean and fierce on the outside, but really they are sweet animals that are misunderstood, like Severus Snape. Also like Severus Snape, wolves have lifetime mates. Snape still loved Lily Potter till the day he died. Also like wolves, Severus Snape had his pack, while James Potter had his pack, they were rivals are fought over territory. Severus Snape did what he had to do to survive. Like wolves, he is a survivor. He fought till the very end. Also, Lily Potter's patronus was a doe, Severus Snape chased Lily Potter like a wolf chases a doe. Also, Severus Snape fought up to be the Hogwarts headmaster in the 7th book, like wolves can fight to be alpha male (The Beta and current alpha). Severus Snape is often mysterious, and joined a powerful pack (future death eaters) to survive, and not get picked on by James Potter's Pack. Like an Omega wolf might leave their current pack to join another pack. Also, Snape loved Lily's eyes, GREEN eyes. Like Leopold said, the green eyes of the wolf, the green fire, Snape loved those eyes, like the eyes of a wolf.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Noah L.
Wolf Pup Name:	Romulus
ESSAY:	The reason I chose this name is because it comes from the name of the founder of Rome and was trained by the wolf mother Lupa. The story goes that Romulus and Remus's mother was killed and they fled to the woods, where they found the wolf house. In the wolf house they found Lupa, who raised them and trained them. That is how it was told in the story I read, I hope you consider my entry.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Aiden M.
Wolf Pup Name:	Alba
ESSAY:	I think Alba should be the wolf pup's name because it is <i>Catalan</i> for "dawn." It is representing a pup of strength, power and persistence. It also is supercool that it is in a lost language. That's why I think that Alba should be the pup's name.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	William M. and Zander S.
Wolf Pup Name:	Peligro (“Danger” in <i>Spanish</i>)
ESSAY:	<p>We will state the facts, and the facts are, the Mexican Gray Wolves are in danger. They are the most endangered species of wolf in the world and in fact quite dangerous to the animals that they are hunting. We decided on the name because Peligro means danger in <i>Spanish</i>. The the primary language in Mexico is Spanish and needless to say Mexican Gray Wolves are from Mexico.</p> 

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Eliot P.
Wolf Pup Name:	Remus
ESSAY:	<p>100 years ago, you could easily find a Mexican Gray Wolf almost anywhere in New Mexico, Arizona, or Mexico, whereas now there are only about 100 in the wild. Without them, we've seen drastic changes in the ecosystem and animal populations. This is because for so many years, wolves have been feared and seen as hunting competition. <i>We need to help restore the Mexican Gray Wolf population!</i></p> <p>I think Remus would be a good name for a young wolf pup for two reasons. 1. Remus and Romulus were human twins that were raised by a she-wolf. Later, they had to fight each other and Romulus won. That's why Rome is called Rome. 2. Remus Lupin is an extremely clever and kind werewolf in Harry Potter. He felt a lack of confidence in the seventh book because he was a werewolf. Normal wolves are discriminated against in a similar way and if they were humans I think that they would feel that way as well.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Julia S.
Wolf Pup Name:	Howler
ESSAY:	I think Howler is a good name for a Mexican Grey Wolf pup because howling is one of their main forms of communication. Wolves use it, along with barking, whimpering, and growling, to communicate with other members of their pack. They also howl to mark territory. Many images of wolves show them howling at a moon.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Ella P.
Wolf Pup Name:	Shanna
ESSAY:	<p>Wolves are strong majestic creatures. I remember being scared of them when I was little. That changed quickly when my family took a trip to Yellowstone National Park. The landscape was amazing but my favorite part was on our last day. My family got up SUPER early, and packed up our campsite. We got in the car, all bundled up in blankets from the cold of the Wyoming morning. We drove to a open area that was known for being one of the best places to see wolves at Yellowstone. My sister and I climbed up on top of the car, and after about ten minutes we gasped. A small pack of wolves was running across the landscape, and they were gorgeous. And I've loved wolves ever since.</p> <p>The name I am proposing for my wolf pup is Shanna. I've liked that name for quite a while, and when we were given this opportunity, I immediately looked up the origin of the name. And it was perfect. Shanna is derived from the name of the <i>Celtic</i> goddess Sionna. It means both "possessor of wisdom," and "wise river." I think that this is perfect because of a video that we watched in science class. It was about when the wolves were reintroduced into Yellowstone in 1995. It talked about the way all of the animal populations evened out when the wolves came back, and how the plants sprang back to life. But it also talked about how the rivers changed when the wolves returned. The video explained how the soil strengthened when the plants came back to life, which was caused by the wolves. Because of the strengthened soil, there was less erosion of the river banks, causing less meanders. The wolves' return replenished the entire ecosystem. I think this makes "wise river" a perfect name for a wolf pup. They play so much of a part in keeping the rivers healthy, which the video proved, and they are some of the most wise animals I have seen. They can make sense of growls and barks from other wolves, and their strategies for hunting are perfect. To conclude, I think that Shanna would be a great name for a wolf pup, because it represents what great, majestic, vital creatures that wolves really are.</p>
Source	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shanna

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Sam S.
Wolf Pup Name:	Crescita
ESSAY:	<p>I chose the name Crescita because it means “growth” in <i>Italian</i>. I think that this is appropriate because wolves create life by limiting the amount of herbivores in an area. This creates life by letting the wild life grow; without predators, herbivores would eat all of the vegetation. With more vegetation many animals would have a home to live in. More plants could also change geological formations. For example in Yellowstone National Park the new trees held the sediment in place on the side of the river. This changed the path of the river and made it a better place for animals to live in. Without wolves many animals would die and the vegetation would cease to reproduce. That is why I think Crescita is a good name a wolf.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Connor T.
Wolf Pup Name:	Titus
ESSAY:	<p>I have always wanted to officially name an animal. It was always my parents who named the dogs we got. I never had a say in it. Now's my chance. I chose the name Titus because it was a common and unique name in <i>Greece</i>. It also sounds like a strong name. Someone who was strong, thoughtful, and "hard-as-nails" would be named something like that. It is also a name that a Shakespearean baby or child would have, and we are naming wolf pups, so, well, that's something. Well, it is also an adult name and it can stick with them for all their life. The name originated from a general named Titus Lartius. The name also came from a Noble Roman named Titus Andronicus. That's all I have to offer. I hope you choose this name.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Resources</p> <p>http://www.sheknows.com/baby-names/name/titus Google translate http://www.sheknows.com/parenting/articles/953681/baby-boy-names-with-serious-swagger</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Ian W.
Wolf Pup Name:	Volver
ESSAY:	I think that Volver would be a great name for a Mexican Gray Wolf because “volver” is the “act of returning.” The primary language of Mexico is <i>Spanish</i> , while Mexican children learn English as a second language. Not only does this fact make it a reasonable name for a Mexican Gray Wolf pup, these wolves are only now returning to the wild, making it a fitting name for that reason as well.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Drolma B. and Sammy R.
Wolf Pup Name:	Chipper
ESSAY:	<p>We chose the name Chipper. Mexican grey wolves are healthy, intelligent, and lively. These are all synonyms of the word chipper. Chipper's definition is to have good health, be in a sprightly mood, and have good humor. Mexican grey wolves like to play with each other, they are usually in playful spirits, and hopefully they have good health. We feel that the word "chipper" describes a Mexican grey wolf very well. Chipper should be the name of a strong, playful, healthy wolf pup.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Cole B.
Wolf Pup Name:	Flash
ESSAY:	<p>My wolf's name is Flash. I like the name because gray wolves need super fast speed to catch their prey. Grey wolves can run up to 35 mph. When grey wolves see their prey, they hide in bushes so the prey can't see them. When the prey walks by, they charge them to eat them. When grey wolves attack their prey, they lunge out which starts their momentum. This process is fast like a lighting bolt. FLASH!</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Emma B.
Wolf Pup Name:	Ensnare
ESSAY:	<p>Livestock is one of the main reasons for the endangerment of Mexican Gray Wolves. Ensnare is a better word for “trapped”. If a pup is named Ensnare, I think people really put a different perspective about what’s going on with Mexican Gray Wolves. I also think that the coloring of the wolf, light brown, black, white, kind of looks like something dangerous, which ensnare, at first listen, does sound kind of dangerous. Which, it is dangerous to trap them, even if it is beneficial for US. I think that this name is not really what its colors are, it’s a name that informs you about the cause of extinction.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Leo D.
Wolf Pup Name:	Ceres
ESSAY:	<p>The name I chose was Ceres. Ceres is the Roman goddess of harvest and fertility. I chose this name because of how big of an impact Mexican grey wolves can have on the ecosystem. I also chose this name, because in mythology, Ceres is taken by Hades, and everything grows cold. This relates to the Mexican grey wolves, because they make an incredible ecosystem, and when driven away, shot, forced into hiding, the ecosystem massively declines.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Apollo P. and Aidan E.
Wolf Pup Name:	Forest
ESSAY:	We chose the name Forest because Mexican Gray Wolves live in forests and in grasslands. They were moved in to Yellowstone so they live there in the forest's of Yellowstone. The forests are important to the wolf because there is shelter under trees. The forests are also good for the wolves because lots of other animals live there and the wolves can hunt them for food. Forests are also good because every year in spring the alpha male and alpha female mate.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Lillie L.
Wolf Pup Name:	Epizón
ESSAY:	<p>I think a wolf pup should be named Epizón because what Epizón means in <i>Greek</i> is “survivor” since the Mexican grey wolf had a diminishing population of wolves due to hunting, destruction of their natural habitat. The name Epizón suits a Mexican gray wolf pup because they are slowly coming back to their natural habitats. Also since predators are very good at surviving it seems fitting to have a name that means survivor. And since there are only 115 mexican grey wolves in the wild I would want the pup who might receive this name to be a survivor.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Solly L.
Wolf Pup Name:	Hunter
ESSAY:	I think Hunter would be a good name for a male pup or an alpha male because it is a strong-willed name. The wolf will hopefully be a good hunter so that the name will fit perfectly. The wolf will be big. It should also be strong too. Those are the reasons for Hunter to be picked.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Lila M. and Stella H.
Wolf Pup Name:	Lobo
ESSAY:	<p>We picked this name because we found in our research that the Mexican Gray Wolves are also called "lobos." We think that this is an appropriate name because it clearly describes the wolves scientific nickname and what it would be called in the wild. When people describe what this wolf's name is they can tell others information based on what we found in our research. We think this would be a fabulous name because it makes it even more clear for people who are learning about these amazing wolves. Lobo would be a wonderful asset to it's pack and would be great to research about.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Ian M.
Wolf Pup Name:	Mazs
ESSAY:	<p>I decided that for my wolf pup naming entry I would suggest Mazs. I think Mazs is a great name for a wolf pup because while the name is <i>Latvian</i> the translation to English means "Small." I think this suits the Mexican gray wolf pup because the Mexican gray wolf is the smallest Wolf subspecies in the world. The Mexican Gray wolf's average length is 25 - 32 inches. It is also one of the most endangered species of wolf in the world which means that any of the new wolf pup names must be special. I think that Mazs is a very special name because hardly any of the wolf pup names are a language other than English. I also think that if you are to name one of them it should be something cool and original. In my opinion you can't go naming a wolf pup that is a part of the most endangered species in the world a name a common name; even if you have evidence to support it, it is still pretty normal. I feel like Mazs is a good name because it has to do with one of the Mexican gray wolf's main characteristics besides being endangered. It also is in a language that a lot of people either haven't heard of or do not remember. Because the language is not very popular it means that if you look at a list of names Mazs would stand out like a sore thumb.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Ameya R.
Wolf Pup Name:	Yellowstone
ESSAY:	<p>I think that Yellowstone would be a great name for a Mexican grey wolf because they were in Yellowstone National Park, but they got relocated. The reason that they got relocated was because people would kill them and in the year 1926 the last wolf pack was killed, but single wolves were still in the park. Then the wolves started going outside of the park and started going after the cattle outside of the park. They killed approximately 256 sheep and 41 cattle. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has now let approximately 200 wolves back into the park. That is why I think Yellowstone would be a good name of a Mexican grey wolf.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Nic R.
Wolf Pup Name:	Chito
ESSAY:	<p>I decided to name the wolf Chito. I think this is appropriate because I checked the list and it was not there. I also think that Chito is an unusual name. Since there are only 50 living in the wild some of them do not have names. In the United States and Mexico there are 300 living in captivity; they will have names. I think Chito is a very interesting name.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Will W.
Wolf Pup Name:	Helado
ESSAY:	I think that the wolf pup should be named Helado. In <i>Spanish</i> , Helado means "ice cream." I like the name ice cream because their fur is not really gray, but more like a vanilla ice cream color. I translated ice cream to Spanish because the wolf is Mexican, and the most fluent language they speak in Mexico is Spanish. These are the reasons that I think the wolf pup should be called Helado.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Luke W.
Wolf Pup Name:	Vanilla
ESSAY:	<p>I think vanilla is a good name because of Mexican wolves' fur. I chose this name because Mexican wolves' fur is a mixture of gray, brown black and pretty close to vanilla. Vanilla is also a good name because it's like a creamy thing and I think Mexican wolves' fur is pretty creamy. Vanilla is also a good name for a wolf depending on what the wolf looks like. If the wolf looks like a vanilla color Vanilla would be a good name for that wolf.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Sam Y., Ben M., and Daniel O.
Wolf Pup Name:	Yang-Gwibi
ESSAY:	<p>We think the Lobo should be called Yang-Gwibi (which is “poppy” in <i>Korean</i>). We think it should be called poppy, because Lobos are survivors of extinction, and during WW1, poppies would grow from the destroyed fields and survive combat. Also Lobos like grasslands, and poppies grow in grasslands. Poppies can also grow up to 4 feet, and Lobos can grow up to 4.5 feet. Lobos can have 4-7 pups, and poppies, have 6 petals, which is sort of similar to a flowers offspring. Poppies seeds can survive 8 years in the soil, and mexican grey wolves live from 6-8 years old. This is why I think the mexican grey wolf should be called Poppy.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	JT Z.
Wolf Pup Name:	Sivi Vuk
ESSAY:	<p>Mexican Gray Wolves are very cool creatures that need names, and I would like to name one. I would name a wolf pup Sivi Vuk (Civee Vulk). I thought this would be a good name for a wolf because Vuk means "wolf" [in <i>Serbo-Croatian</i> languages]. Wolves are strong and powerful creatures. Sivi Vuk sounds like a strong and powerful name. Mexican Gray Wolves are gray, silver and white, and Sivi is perfect because it means "gray" [in <i>Slovenian</i> language]. Sivi can also mean "leaden" and Mexican Gray Wolves can get up to 150 pounds which is very heavy for wolves. I hope you consider our name and choose it for a pup name.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Freddie F.
Wolf Pup Name:	Saki
ESSAY:	<p style="text-align: center;">Pup Wolf Naming Contest Entry</p> <p>Hello, my name is Freddie. The name I propose for the wolf pup comes from a <i>Nigerian</i> language called <i>Hausa</i>. The name I chose is “release” in Hausa. The reasoning behind this comes from the Yellowstone national park in 1995, when they released wolves into the wilderness and it helped the environment extremely.</p> <p>“Release” translated into Hausa is “Saki.” I propose the wolf pup’s name should be Saki because it would be a perfect example of the help that the wolves did for the environment. Why Hausa you may ask? Hausa is a language is not that popular in the US but in Africa it is widely spoken by about 39 million people. This language appealed to me because it seems like a very intricate language.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Adam O.
Wolf Pup Name:	Gray
ESSAY:	<p>I thought that Gray would be a good name because for one the wolves are called Mexican Gray Wolves. Another reason I think that he or she should be called that is because they live in a pack which also has lots of gray. Also they hunt gray animals like rabbits and mice. This might also be a good name because where gray wolves mainly live is in darker places like cave and dens. I would also think this is a good name because it tells you what type of wolf it is so if I heard the name gray and it was a wolf I would know that it was a Mexican Gray Wolf.</p>

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Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Diego C.
Wolf Pup Name:	Quarter
ESSAY:	The reason I picked quarter is because their is a definition that means a small guy. I want to name the wolf pups quarter because the mexican wolf is a small wolf and that would fit with this characteristic well. That is the reason that I picked that name.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Finnie C. and Jack B.
Wolf Pup Name:	Ragnar
ESSAY:	We chose this name because it comes from a myth about a warrior who became a great king and was known to be strong in battles. He was also a caring warrior who did not leave any men behind. He was very tough and very hard working. You should use this name because wolves are also very loving and strong.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Izzy J. and Amalia F.
Wolf Pup Name:	Valentina or Valentino
ESSAY:	<p>Wolves are very brave, strong, and healthy animals. In spanish, strong, brave, and healthy means Valentina/Valentino as a name. We think that the meaning of this name is a perfect fit for wolves that is trying to survive extinction. We think that the name Valentina/Valentino will have an impact on our society today by showing that wolves aren't scary beasts, but a very important part of the ecosystem. From our research, we have seen how much the population of wolves has drastically decreased. Especially Mexican Gray Wolves that are now one of the most endangered species of wolves in North America. People have purposely killed wolves because they were seen as "very harmful" to farming and ranching. But now our society is getting more educated on this subject, and we are realizing the value of wolves on the land, and hopefully this name Valentina/Valentino will spread awareness about how important wolves are to the health of our environment.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Myles L.
Wolf Pup Name:	Genesis
ESSAY:	<p>I've decided to name my wolf pup Genesis for multiple reasons. One reason is because of what Genesis means. Genesis means to have a fresh start or begin something new. Genesis relates to a fresh start because of the way captive wolves are being bred now and they have a new chance to thrive. Genesis also means strong and loyal. Mexican Gray Wolves are smaller wolves but also very strong and loyal so this title fits a mexican gray wolf impeccably. With this new chance for the Mexican Gray Wolf in the wild, the wolves must use their strength and loyalty to help each other. If they do, they will survive and maybe even thrive. I hope you will have success in the effort at the "rebirth" of the wolves in New Mexico! Genesis for the win!</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Daija M.
Wolf Pup Name:	Mowgli
ESSAY:	Mogil backstory: Mogil means a fun and creative person or animal. Mowgli is a character from the jungle book and I wanted to name a wolf Mowgli because wolf pups are shown to be hyper and creative thinking animals like the character Mowgli. I compare Mogli with a wolf because he grew up in the wild just like wolves. Mowgli is also a problem solver and was raised by wolves.

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Mateo O. and Will B.
Wolf Pup Name:	Genie
ESSAY:	<p>We have chosen the name Genie for the Mexican Gray Wolf because they are the most <i>genetically</i> distinct wolves in North America. We have also chosen Genie, because the Mexican Gray Wolf is more of a “family wolf” than a dangerous killer and Genie sounds non-threatening. They also pass on their “genes” to their litters of five to seven pups. Genie also works because scientists have gotten their wish of reintroducing Mexican Gray Wolves into the wild. And if they continue to do well, their genes will live on and be in the mountains between Arizona and New Mexico for generations.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Joshua P.
Wolf Pup Name:	Balder
ESSAY:	Balder is the favorite son of Odin the highest of the Irish Norse gods. During a fierce battle, he was left untouched and a was great leader on the battlefield. I feel that this would be a good name for a wolf because if a wolf has a good name like this he may come out to be like the Irish god Balder,a great leader and untouched on the battlefield. Hopefully you can choose this name for a male wolf. So that he can lead his pack

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Keiarra R. and Daniela B.
Wolf Pup Name:	Equanimity
ESSAY:	<p>We chose the name <i>equanimity</i> because the word equanimity means peace and having mental calmness especially in a difficult situation. The Mexican Grey Wolf has been through a very difficult time. So difficult that if the wolf had not gotten help, the species could have gone extinct. There was time when the Mexican Grey Wolf was hated so much that hunters would kill them without any reason. They just killed them! Hunters would find a wolf minding his/her own business and out of nowhere shoot it, kill it, and get money for it. The Mexican Grey wolf along with all other wolves deserves peace. In our opinion they should have peace and never have to worry about humans killing them. That is why we picked the name equanimity.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Noah S.
Wolf Pup Name:	Hermes
ESSAY:	<p>I think that Hermes would be a good name for a wolf pup because, wolves are very fast and skilled hunters and Hermes is very fast. I also think this is a good name idea because Hermes is a messenger of the Gods and a wolves howl is extremely powerful and wolves generally carry powerful messages when they howl. I also think this is a good name idea because Hermes is the guide to the underworld. However while wolves are not guides to the underworld they do hunt. When they hunt and kill something they basically guide it to the underworld. These are the reasons I like Hermes as a name to a wolf pup.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Rigsby T. and Stratton P.
Wolf Pup Name:	Enchantment
ESSAY:	<p>By the 1950s, there were very few wolves left in the wild in the United States. Mexican wolves are on the endangered species list which means that they are in danger of extinction. The species is the most endangered wolf in the US. Mexican wolves live in New Mexico, 11 gray wolves were released into the wild in Arizona. Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah are all the states were they released the wild wolves.</p> <p>We chose the name Enchantment because it seemed fitting for New Mexico. New Mexico has carried the nickname of " the land of enchantment" for over 75 years. The name comes from New Mexico's natural beauty and amazing sunsets. We feel that the Mexican grey wolf is a wonderful asset to the state of New Mexico.</p> <p>The Mexican wolf carries a very controversial role. It is very important to understand the roles that the wolfs carry when looking at the bigger picture. Landscape plays a large part also.</p> <p>In closing the name Enchantment sounds like a great name for a new wolf pup. The beauty we find in New Mexico is always around within our state. Hoping that the new pup representing the Mexican grey wolf finds New Mexico as enchanting. Our hope is that if we take the correct steps the Mexican grey wolf will be here for many generations to come.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Avery V. and Lena C.
Wolf Pup Name:	Avalon
ESSAY:	<p>We chose the name Avalon, because we really like the meaning of it. Avalon, meaning magical island and “Princess” is something that we both agree on choosing. They’re sweet and loving, but can be shy around certain people. Since Avalon means Island, we discovered that King Arthur was actually buried at the Avalon (Apple tree) Island. Avalon is a loyal and friendly name, we chose this because it reminds us of ourselves and our really good friends Mena and Tizi.</p>

Team Member Name(s) & Section:	Kyle W.
Wolf Pup Name:	Avlavis (Greek)
ESSAY:	<p>“Avlavis”, in Greek, means “not dangerous”. I picked this name because in the 1940’s wolves were feared, and were killed on sight. Naturally, Mexican Grey Wolves are shy and stay away from people. Humans rarely ever got bitten. But we thought wolves were fierce monsters, and killed anything in their way. Hunters killed wolves to get more deer to hunt. They also got money for every wolf skin they turned into the government. To sum it all up, people were irrationally afraid of wolves, and refused to accept them. They never got a chance.</p>