**The Gray Wolf – Niche**

**United Streaming**

1. The gray wolf is the only **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in North America.
2. The gray wolf is dependent on a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**order for survival.
3. The pack leader is called the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** male, who looks his part, ears forward, tail high: patrolling the pack’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** on his own, he wears his leadership proudly.
4. The Alpha wolf determines the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and every wolf has a place.
5. The most subordinate wolf in the pack is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** wolf.
6. Omega wolves are hardly **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, the pack seems to resent this wolf’s presence, and the animal spends much of its time cowed in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
7. Still even this lowly and unfortunate role offers greater security than **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
8. At no time is the wolf’s pack social structure more evident and perhaps more useful than at **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**times.
9. Because food in the wild may be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, wolves can consume an enormous amount when it’s available.
10. A wolf may gulp down **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** pounds or more in a single sitting.
11. At meal, wolf manners are strictly maintained by the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** male.
12. Watchful pack members keep **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** low in submission as if expressing gratitude for a place at the table.
13. The Omega wolf must **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** until the other pack members have had their fill before eating.
14. These harsh but bloodless rules ensure that the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** wolves survive.
15. The survival of the fittest dictates **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** behavior as well.
16. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**pair are the only animals in the pack to mate and their pairing lasts for life.
17. Other wolves take on the role of devoted **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and playmates.
18. The entire **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** cares for the young pups.
19. Scientists think the early romping and play fighting helps define the pup’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in the wolf pack hierarchy.
20. Among the many myths about wolves is that they howl at the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
21. Though they may **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**in moonlight, wolves have practical reasons for calling.
22. They howl in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**or to rally the pack for a hunt.
23. They howl to wolves as far as **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** miles away, advertising their **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and each wolf has his or her own distinctive voice.
24. People have nearly extinguished the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, gray wolves are endangered.
25. Nearly 2 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** have been killed and there is no record in North America of a wolf killing one of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
26. Laws protecting wolves have helped, but many wolves are still killed **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
27. Our laws are not enforced with the same **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** as a wolf pack’s.