

Marine Animal Report Oceanography/Marine Science Unit



Due Date: Dec 8

Each student should choose a **marine** animal to report on in class.

Students in each class will report on different topics so that we can learn about many different animals. Students may choose one of the animals listed below or another favorite that I have not listed. Please have a second choice in mind in case another student has chosen your first choice. Certificates & prizes will be awarded for completed reports.

Students should choose the animal they would like to report on and sign up in class on 11/17. Please have a second choice in case your first choice is taken. Reports should be between one paragraph to one page in length. Reports may be typed or hand-written. Most importantly, keep your work neat. A poster with pictures and other information about your animal would be a nice addition to your report, but is optional. Students should bring a picture of their animal to class. Reports should answer questions like:

1. The animal's name: What does its name mean (if you can find out)?
2. Appearance: What does your animal look like? How big is it? What does an average one weigh?
3. Locomotion: Can your animal move? How? Fast? Slow?
4. Diet: What does your animal eat and how does it get its food?
5. Habitat: Where does your animal live?
6. Reproduction: Does your animal bear live young or lay eggs?
7. Behavior: Does your animal migrate or hibernate during winter?
8. Enemies: What animals eat or kill yours?
9. Special: Is there anything special about your animal that you would like to share?
10. Is your animal an invertebrate, mammal, reptile, amphibian? What characteristic does your animal have that helped you to figure out which group it belonged in?

Some possibilities for report topics:

killer whale

dolphin

manatee

seal

walrus

hammerhead shark

octopus

blue whale

blue marlin

anemone

squirt

sponges

whale shark

starfish

horseshoe crab

seahorse

narwhal

sea cow

tuna fish

sailfish

flying fish

urchins

barnacles

great white shark

beluga whale

lobster

clam

oyster

squid

shrimp

sand dollar

jellyfish

coral

sea cucumber sea

sea turtles

orange fire worm

