

Marine Animal Report Oceanography/Marine Science Unit



Due Date: Nov 14, 2019

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 Oct 31st. 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	whale shark	beluga whale
dolphin	starfish	lobster
manatee	horseshoe crab	clam
seal	seahorse	oyster
walrus	narwhal	squid
hammerhead shark	sea cow	shrimp
octopus	tuna fish	sand dollar
blue whale	sailfish	jellyfish
blue marlin	flying fish	coral
anemone	urchins	sea cucumber
sea squirt	barnacles	sea turtles
sponges	great white shark	orange fire worm

