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Marine Science in the Real World

Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about studying marine science? With an adult's help, find a few universities with marine science programs. Read about their ocean-related courses and programs on their websites. Write a paragraph about the university that interests you the most.



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Say What?

Studying marine science can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in the book that you've never heard before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.



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Why Do I Care?

Perhaps you do not live near the ocean and are unlikely ever to visit the deep ocean. Yet the oceans and ocean animals are suffering great harm from pollution. One form of pollution is the plastic material that forms huge swirling masses in all oceans. Do you have any responsibility for this problem? Does ocean pollution affect your life in any way? Is there any way you can help solve the problem?



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You Are There

Chapter Two of this book discusses early ocean explorers who spent months at sea surrounded by nothing but ocean. They had no idea if they would ever reach land again. Imagine you are such an explorer. Write a letter home to a family member, describing what the journey is like. Include as many specific details as possible.



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