

Portrait of a Sea Creature

(Side One)

Directions: For each of the five categories below, roll your dice and whatever number appears on the dice, circle that number below the category. You will repeat this five different times for A, B, C, D, and E. After doing this, you will have circled a number below each of the Letters, A-E; describing some characteristic you need to know about your sea creature in order to write about and create it.

(A) Where do you live?

1. river
2. open ocean
3. murky pond
4. deep ocean
5. salt marsh
6. lake

(B) What is the temperature like?

1. always warm
2. always cold
3. in between
4. changes with the tide
5. seasons change from warm to cold
6. follow warm water

(C) What do you eat?

1. plankton
2. fish
3. crustaceans
4. mollusks
5. whatever I capture
6. scavenger

(D) Who eats you?

1. octopus with twelve legs
2. monster mollusks that swim swiftly
3. pink spotted stingrays
4. slimy jellyfish that blind with their black ink
5. megaworms that leap out of the bottom and swallow me
6. schoolie fishes feeling safe and strong with numbers

(E) How do you move?

1. crawl
2. jet propulsion
3. swim swiftly
4. undulate like a whale
5. sessile(attached)
6. burrow

Portrait of a Sea Creature Continued

Directions: Take the two coins and toss them into two of the three boxes next to each body part for your sea creature on Side Two. Circle whatever characteristic they land on in each of the eight boxes, so that when you go into Microsoft Paint, you can begin to draw your sea creature in its habitat using the characteristics you circled on each of the two charts. Have fun and be creative!!!!!! As you create, start thinking of ways to use the eight parts of speech to construct a well written, descriptive and fun essay about your creature.

For Homework-Construct a 450-600 word rough draft essay on your sea creature and its habitat that you circled, being creative and using critical thinking skills. Using Microsoft Word's highlighting ability, make sure you use 8 nouns (red), eight verbs (green), 8 adjectives (purple), 8 adverbs (aqua), 4 prepositions (brown), 2 conjunctions (blue), 2 articles (pink), and 1 interjection (yellow) in your rough draft. You must also choose a name for your sea creature. Type this rough draft in Microsoft Word using their highlighting capabilities and bring to class for revisions, making sure that the parts of speech have been designated as requested in the directions and that all characteristics of your sea creatures are included in your essay. Once your revisions are made in class, you will make the necessary changes and pass the final copy in the following day for grading, together with your completed copy of your painting of your creature from Microsoft Paint. Make sure to use your Final Copy Checklist to ensure you have completed all aspects of this paper.

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LEGS	four legs	two legs	no legs
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BODY SIZE	big	medium	small
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BODY SHAPE	long	oval	circular
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BODY PATTERN	spotted	solid	striped
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EYES	large	medium	small
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FINS	large	small	none
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MOUTH	needle	small	large