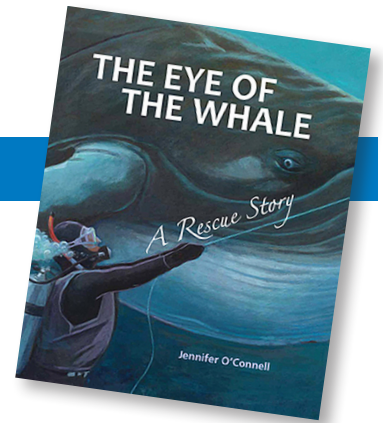


The Eye of the Whale

RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS



THINK-TAC-TOE ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- ◆ Individual students can choose an activity to complete.
- ◆ Student pairs or cooperative groups can work together on a choice of their own.
- ◆ Educator can assign an activity for an individual, pairs, or groups.

<p style="text-align: center;">JUST KEEP SWIMMING</p> <p>Research whale migration in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Choose a specific kind of whale to trace its migration path. Draw a map to show the migration pattern of the whale of your choice. Include a picture of your whale with your map and add a map key. How many miles does the path cover?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Art, Science, Social Studies, Technology, Math</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SET SAIL</p> <p>Using diagrams or the Internet, identify parts of a fishing boat like the one used in the book. Locate the stern, bow, starboard, port, hull, and beam of a boat. Next, design your own fishing boat, label its parts, and name it. Have a contest with your group or classmates to engineer the best boat design!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Art, Engineering, Technology</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ECO-FRIENDLY</p> <p>Animals in our lakes, rivers, and oceans are often in danger from things that humans do to harm the waterways. With a partner create a list of things that harm fish and other water creatures. Create a poster about ways to keep waterways more eco-friendly and safe for animals and people. Share with the class.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Art, Science</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A WHALE'S TALE</p> <p>Imagine you are the whale in this story. You have just been set free from the crab net. How do you feel? What do you do next? Where do you go? What adventures do you have with other ocean life? Write a story about what happens after being set free. Include a picture to go with your story.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Writing, Art, Science</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POD-TASTIC</p> <p>Whales usually travel in pods, or groups. The average humpback weighs 40 tons. A baby humpback weighs about a ton. Research how many pounds are in a ton. If a pod has 5 adult whales, what would the pod weigh? If a pod has a total weight of 204 tons, how many adult whales and baby whales make up the pod? Create two or three word problems about whales for a partner to answer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Math, Science</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WHALE TRADING CARDS</p> <p>Research the various types of whales found in the world. Create trading cards (like baseball cards) of facts about 3 different types of whales. Include facts about their habitat, average length and weight, what and how they eat and more! Include a drawing of your whale on the front of each trading card. Trade cards with classmates when completed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Writing, Technology, Art</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MEASURE IT!</p> <p>The average length of a humpback whale is 35-50 feet. In groups of 4, use yarn and rulers to measure the actual length of a whale. Then, arrange the yarn into a whale shape. How much classroom or hallway area did it take up? How many students can fit inside your whale's area?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Math, Science</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A WHALE'S EYE VIEW</p> <p>A humpback whale's eye is about the size of an orange and it can see just as clearly as a human eye. Create a poem about what a whale sees in its ocean environment. Illustrate your poem.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Writing, Science</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SAVER OF THE WHALE!</p> <p>Think about the feelings that the rescue divers must have had the day they came eye to eye with a humpback whale! Write a letter to a friend from the point of view of a rescuer, telling about the day you helped save the whale. Try to describe your adventure so your reader can picture it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Writing, Science</i></p>