

PAIRED TEXTS

**WITH MULTIPLE CHOICE
AND CONSTRUCTED
RESPONSE QUESTIONS**



**MYSTERIES
OF THE DEEP**



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Dear Teacher,

These passages meet the demand for more rigorous, complex texts with Common Core- especially paired texts that students can use to compare and build knowledge to integrate information and draw conclusions.

The passages in this set are in the "stretch" range for 2nd grade. They are leveled for third grade readability. There are two styles of passages provided to help suit various needs.

You can use each of the texts for close reading and annotating lessons- this helps ensure the students fully comprehend the texts before having to answer questions about both texts together. Students should use their annotated texts to answer the questions. If your students have not been exposed to paired text questions, you may want to walk them through several examples before you ever take a grade.

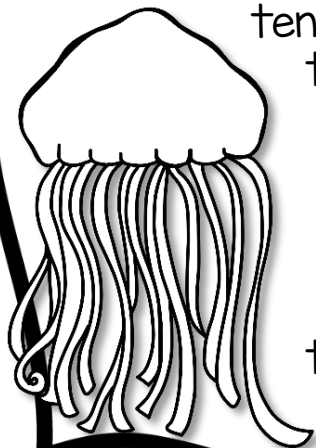
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Giant Tentacles

Have you heard the tale of the giant sea monster with big tentacles that swallowed ships whole? That is just a legend. But it was most likely told after people saw the real animal, the giant squid. This marine giant measures as long as 59 feet. That's longer than a semi-truck! That also means its eyes are as large as your head! The giant squid's eyes are the largest of any animals in the world. These eyes help the animal see in the dark areas of the ocean. Most other animals couldn't see anything at all 3,000 feet below the surface. Even though the giant squid is so gigantic, it is hardly ever seen by humans. That's because it lives so deep in the ocean. Most people think the most interesting things about the giant squid are its eight arms and its two tentacles. Its tentacles are longer than its arms. Under the squid's arms and tentacles are suction cups. These sticky circles help it to hold its prey. The long tentacles catch prey and bring it to the arms. The arms bring it to the squid's beak. The squid's beak is in the center of all of the arms. The giant squid's powerful beak can crush just about anything it catches. Even though they have been known as monsters in stories and movies, giant squids really are shy creatures. They would not attack humans. Instead, they would release a dark inky liquid. This ink would make a cloud that would hide it long enough to get away.

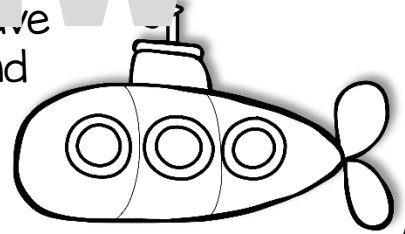


Another giant ocean creature with tentacles is the lion's mane jellyfish. It is nothing like the giant squid, even though it has tentacles. It doesn't have eyes or a brain. It stays at the surface of the cold northern ocean waters where it lives. Its 100-foot-long tentacles do not have suction cups. Their tentacles shoot a poison, or venom, that stings its prey. They also don't live alone like the giant squid. Instead, they live in swarms called "blooms." Blooms can be made of thousands, or even millions, of jellyfish! That's water you DON'T want to swim in!

Deep Sea Discoveries

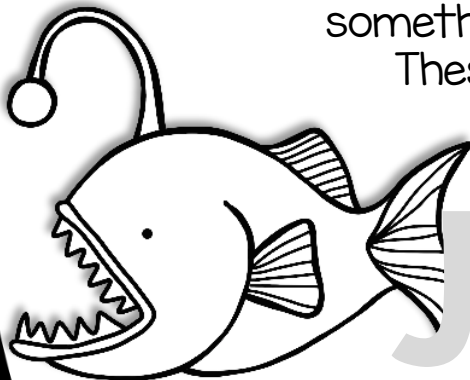
Most people wouldn't think that there is any life in the lowest layer of the ocean. That's because there is hardly any sunlight. But actually, there is much life in the deep sea! In fact, the strangest creatures on Earth live in the deepest part of the ocean. Some of the odd creatures living there are the giant squid and the anglerfish.

How do people discover these animals so deep in the ocean? Some marine biologists (people who study life in the ocean) have gone down in submarines to explore. Some have sent down special cameras that can video and photograph in deep water. That is how the giant squid was found!



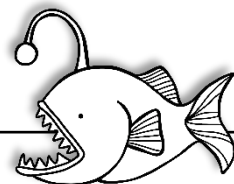
Even though there is no sunlight that deep, there is still light. Scientists who have explored there have been amazed by a show of swirling, flashing lights. This light comes from the bodies of animals. It's called bioluminescence (byo-lu-muh-ness-uhns). Fireflies and glow worms are creatures on land that use bioluminescence. All bioluminescent animals produce light because they have a special chemical in their bodies. Animals light up to attract a mate, to attract food, or to protect themselves.

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bioluminescent esca. Fish or shrimp get close, drawn to the light. Then, she snaps her jaws around the small creature and swallows it whole!



Use both texts to answer the following questions.

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- a. All animals with tentacles sting.
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- c. Jellyfish are the smartest sea animals.
- d. Giant squids would be afraid of humans.

2. How are **giant squids** and **lion's mane jellyfish** similar?

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- b. to answer questions about bioluminescence
- c. to describe the deep sea and life that lives there
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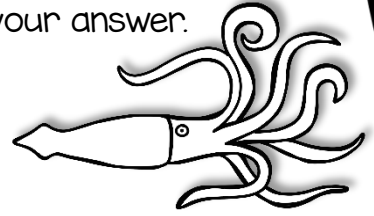
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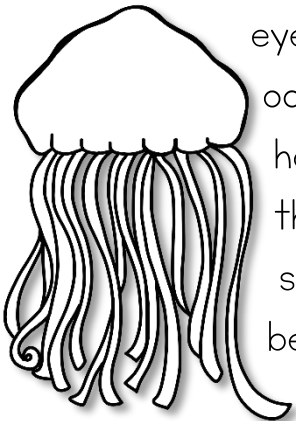
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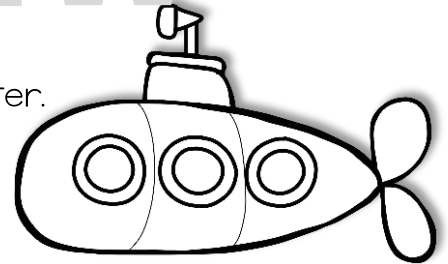
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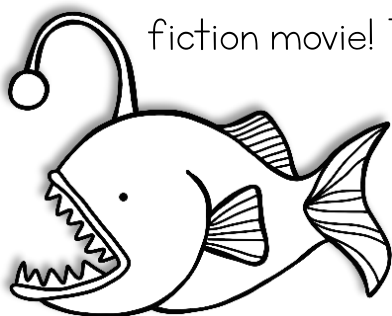
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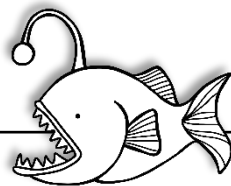


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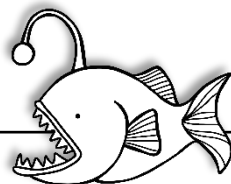
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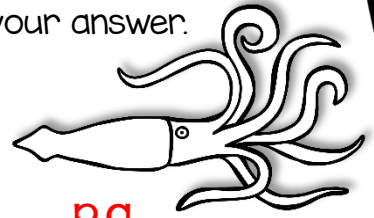
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The response may include, but is not limited to:

Animals like the giant squid have huge eyes that help them to see in the dark. They also have long tentacles to catch their prey.

Female anglerfish use bioluminescence to attract prey.

Other animals use bioluminescence to attract a mate and for protection.

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