## Informational Writing



Choose a sea creature that you find interesting. Develop questions to help guide your research on this animal.

## Write a report about an animal that lives in the sea.

Use the checklist below and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Informational Rubric to guide your writing.

## Sea Creature Report

□ Introduce your topic

□ Include facts and details about the following:

□ Description

□ Characteristics

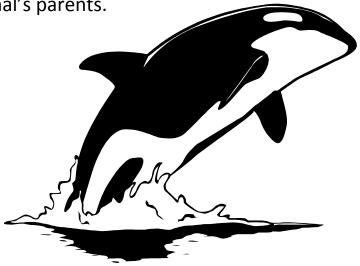
□ Include illustrations to explain that certain traits were inherited from the animal's parents.

🛛 Habitat

□ Adaptations

🛛 Diet

□ Conclusion



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| Points<br>Possible  | Requirement  |   |      |                         |                    |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
|   | IDEAS         I clearly and completely explained the topic.         I included many facts, definitions, and details about the topic.         I included many facts definitions, and details about the topic.         I stayed focused and have not included unimportant details. |   |      |                         |                    |  |  |  |
| Organization         I have a clear topic sentence that tells what my writing will be about.         I have a good concluding statement.         I wrote in paragraph form. |  |   |      |                         |                    |  |  |  |
| VoiceIt is clear that I wrote an informational piece. It does not sound like a<br>letter or a story (I do not include phrases such as "Hello," or "The end").               |  |   |      |                         |                    |  |  |  |
| Word Choice         I used linking words and phrases to connect ideas (ex: also, and, but).         I used strong vocabulary, including amazing adjectives and adverbs.     |  |   |      |                         |                    |  |  |  |
| Sentence Fluency<br>My writing sounds perfect when I read aloud.<br>I used different kinds of sentences throughout my writing.  |  |   |      |                         |                    |  |  |  |
| Conventions         I used capitals and end punctuation correctly.         I checked to make sure I spelled each word correctly.         I used nouns and verbs correctly.  |  |   |      |                         |                    |  |  |  |
| Presentation         Image: My writing is neat and can be easily read.  |  |   |      |                         |                    |  |  |  |
| Writing Process<br>Pre-<br>Write Draft Revise Edit Publish Teacher Comments   |  |   |      |                         |                    |  |  |  |
| Editing   |  | 1 | Date | -                       | / Student<br>rence |  |  |  |
| Self-Edit:<br>I have used the<br>checklist/rubric to<br>edit my work.   |  |   |      | Yes<br>Teacher Initials | No                 |  |  |  |
| Peer-Edit:<br>used<br>the checklist/rubricto<br>edit my writing.  |  |   |      | Revision                | Decision           |  |  |  |