## 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



Name:

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Points 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 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 My writing sounds perfect when I read aloud. 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 Pre- Write Draft Revise Edit Publish Teacher Comments								
Editing		1	Date	-	/ Student rence			
Self-Edit: I have used the checklist/rubric to edit my work.				Yes Teacher Initials	No			
Peer-Edit: used the checklist/rubricto edit my writing.				Revision	Decision			