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Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet
June Enrichment Activities
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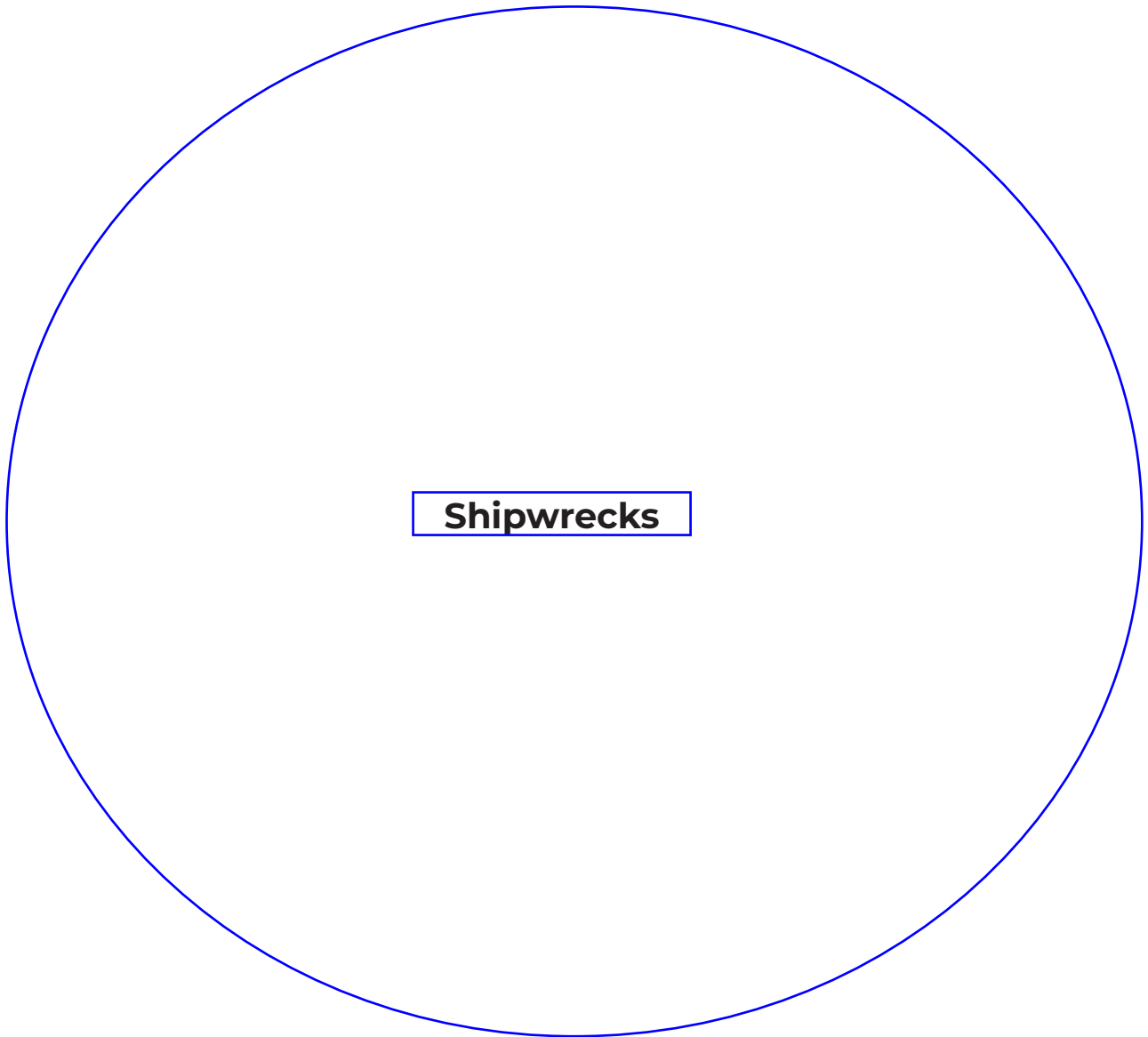
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2. How would you describe the ocean?
3. What are ocean currents?
4. Explain how tides occur.
5. What examples can you name of ocean marine life?



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Shipwrecks



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1. What is the ocean?

The ocean is the world's largest body of water, full of various marine animals, water, salt and more. Although there is only one ocean in the world, it is divided into five major regions: the Pacific, the Atlantic, the Indian, the Arctic and the Southern, also known as the Antarctic. The areas share no physical borders ; water moves freely between them.

2. How would you describe the ocean?

It is large, salty, always moving and segmented into regions around the Earth. . The ocean covers nearly 71% of Earth's surface and contains almost 98% of all the water on Earth. The ocean has currents, tides and contains numerous animals.

3. What are ocean currents?

Ocean currents are warm and cool patterns that cause large volumes of ocean water to travel across Earth. Warm currents often bring rain and mild weather to surrounding land. Dry climates frequently result from cold currents. An example of a warm current is the Gulf Stream, a pattern that travels north along the East Coast of the United States.

4. Explain how tides occur.

Tides cause ocean water to shift and move. The rise and fall in ocean levels, or tides, happen daily. They are produced by the gravitational attraction of the sun, moon and Earth.

5. What examples can you name of ocean marine life?

Many animals live in the ocean, such as sharks, fish and more. The largest marine animal is the blue whale, and the smallest is a kind of plankton called zooplankton. Hundreds of thousands of other sea animals live in the ocean, everything from clams and crabs to squid and fish. Corals and sea anemones look like plants, but they are animals, too.



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Teachers and parents: Sample answers are below.

It is exciting when sunken treasure ships are discovered. Sometimes shipwrecks from long ago are found, even the early days of European colonization.

Many thousands of ships have been abandoned or sunk at sea.

Old wrecks contain historical data. Marine archaeologists are very interested in finding such information.

Divers often search the wrecks of military shipwrecks to find out information about the battles.

When oil tankers shipwreck, it can be environmentally devastating. The Prestige and Erika ships are examples.

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Often shipwrecks are revealed to be smaller, abandoned, derelict fishing boats.

Some famous ships that sank include RMS Titanic, HMHS Britannic, RMS Lusitania, SS Andrea Davis, SS Edmund Fitzgerald, and the Costa Concordia.

The Civil War ironclad ship, USS Monitor, sank in 1862 and was rediscovered in 1973. In 2002, its turret was recovered, revealing the skeletal remains of two of the 16 men who died in the shipwreck.

Sometimes boats are sunk on purpose to encourage reef development. This is called scuttling.

