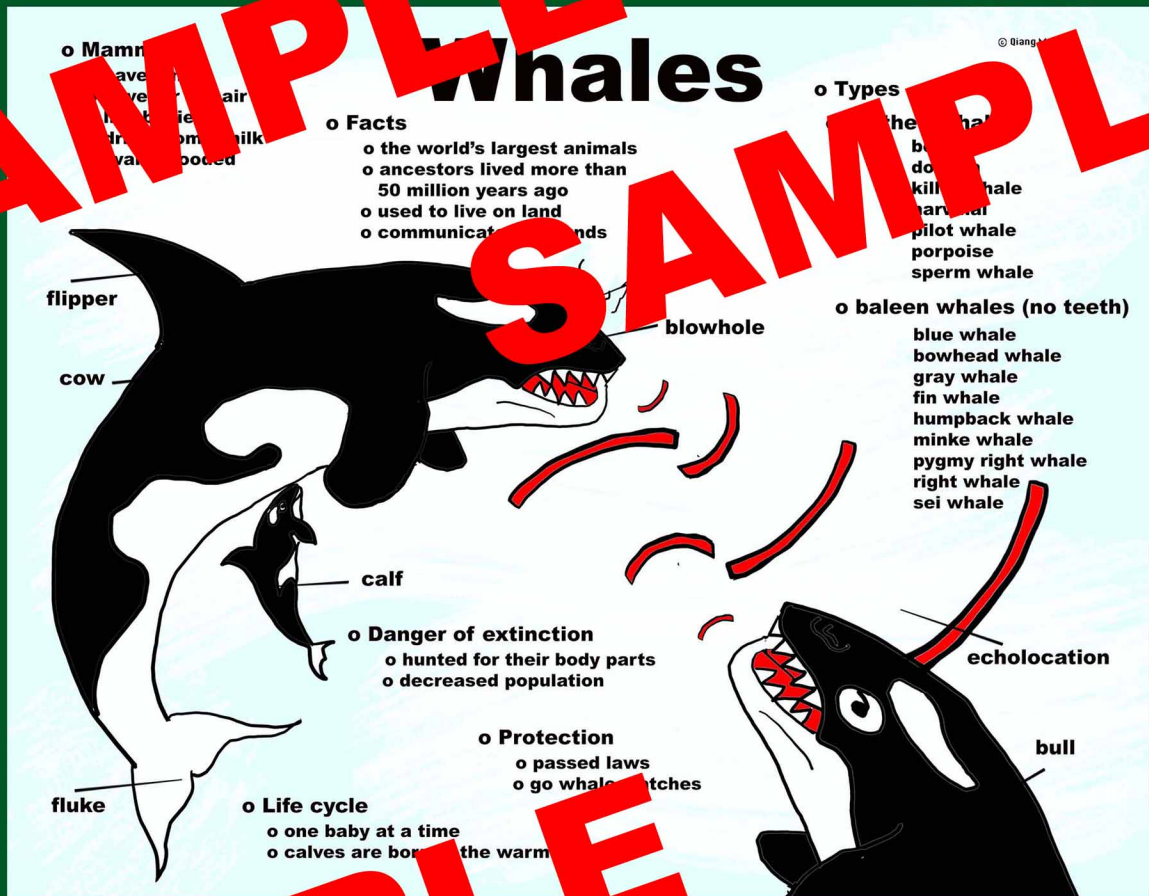


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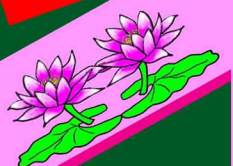
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Whales by Gail Gibbons



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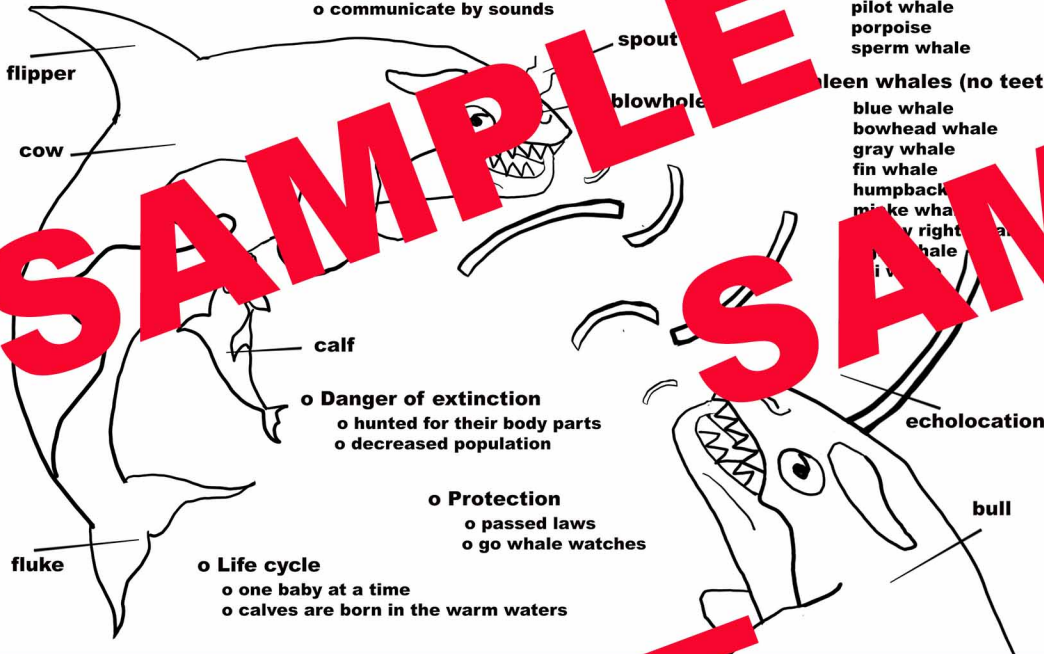
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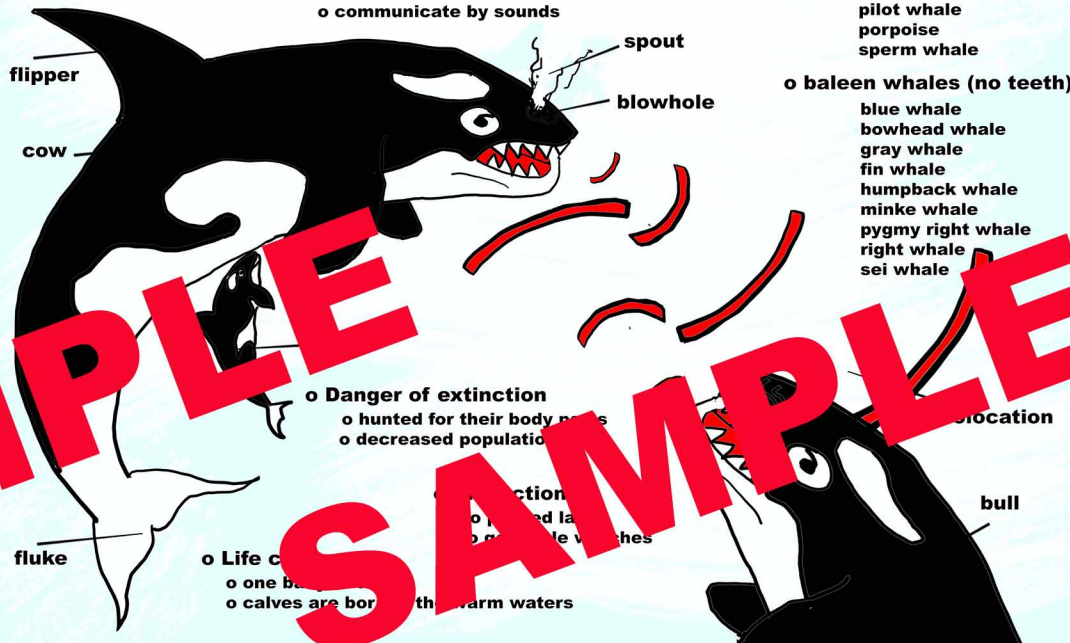
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Getting Started Whale Close Reading

1. It is suggested to have the following items:

Item needed	Teacher	Students
The book Whales by Gail Gibbons	V	
Lesson plan		
Blank poster	Teacher can blow the original black and white sample into a poster.	
Info Organizer	V	V
Blank Paper for Drawing on Day 1	V	V
2 Reading Passages	V	V
2 Text Dependent Questions Sets	V	V
Vocabulary	V	V
1 Whale Black and White Drawing	V	
1 Whale Black and White Drawing with labels		
1 Whale Color Drawing	*	
1 Whale Color Drawing with labels	Teacher can blow the original black and white sample into a poster and color it.	* Students may create the poster in groups by using teacher's sample. It makes a great open house project.
Teacher Prepared Sample Pack: 1 Whale Color Drawing with labels 1 blank poster with Post-it notes 1 Info Organizer completed • 2 Reading Passages with marks • 2 Text Dependent Questions Set with answers • Vocab Sheet with answers	* I type as much as possible so that it is easily reproducible. You are going to have to write to model for your students.	
Sharpie	V	V
Crayon/Markers	V	V
Post-It	*	

V: must, *: optional

- Read the lesson plan.
- Look at the finished sample works included.
- Photocopy 7 page package (1 Empty page for drawing, 1 Info Organizer, 2 Reading Passages, 2 Text Dependent Questions Sets, and 1 Vocab Sheet) for students. Make an extra set for the teacher to use.
- The lesson is designed to cross curriculum (ELA, Science/Animal/Mammal/Whale, and Fine Arts) including reading and writing strategies.

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