Let's Talk About Sea Turtles!

Study Guide and Comprehension Question Task Cards for

TAMMY TURTLE
A Tale of Saving Sea Turtles

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This packet includes:

- Read and Think guiding questions.
- Comprehension discussion task cards.
- Instructions for a foldable retell book.
- Answer Keys

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Read and Think

Use the answers to these questions to write a summary.

1. What is the genre of this book? _______________________________

2. What is the setting?

   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

3. Who are the main characters?

   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

4. What is the problem in the story?

   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

5. Does the problem get solved? If so, how?

   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

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Read and Think

6. What was the purpose of the author telling this story?
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   ________________________________________________________________

7. Was there a lesson or a moral of this story?
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________

8. Did you learn any new words in this story?
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Task Card No.1

When did Tammy Turtle and her brothers and sisters hatch?

Task Card No.2

Why did Tammy and the other hatchlings need help?

Task Card No.3

What did the helpful humans do to protect Tammy and the other hatchlings?

Task Card No.4

What does “boiled over” mean in the sentence: “It boiled over with dozens of tiny turtles as they sprang into action.”
What did Tammy and the other little turtles find in the Gulf Stream?

What does “the water glowed and showed” them where to go?

Why did Tammy and the other hatchlings “go fast” when they swam in the water?

Where did each tiny turtle get its energy to swim fast?

What did Tammy and the other little turtles find in the Gulf Stream?
As time passed, what happened to Tammy and Tessa?

What did Tammy Turtle find instead of a jelly fish?

Who helped Tammy when she washed ashore and where did they take her?

Did Tammy get better? If so, how do you know?

As time passed, what happened to Tammy and Tessa?
Foldable Retell Book

After reading **Tammy Turtle**, use the **Read and Think** answers as well as the **Task Card** discussion to have students write a Retell Book.

1. Duplex Pages
2. Assemble in order.
3. Have students complete pages.

![Duplex Pages Diagram]

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All About Tammy Turtle

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In the beginning of the story, Tammy Turtle,_________________________
_________________________
_________________________
_________________________

Three things I learned from this story:
1. ___________________________________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________________________________
Vocabulary Words

**hatchling**—a baby sea turtle

**Loggerhead**—one of the five species of sea turtles that nest on Florida beaches

**absorbed**—taken in or soaked up

**Gulf Stream**—a warm ocean current in the Atlantic ocean

**sargassum**—a brown seaweed found in the ocean

**ashore**—on land

Next, _______________
Draw a picture

In the middle of the story,

At the end of the story,
Answer Key
Tammy Turtle
Read and Think Questions

1. Realistic Fiction
2. Beach dune and ocean
3. Tammy, Tessie, brothers and sisters, HELPFUL HUMANS
4. Tammy swallows a plastic bag and becomes very ill.
5. The HELPFUL HUMANS find Tammy on the beach and take her to a place to recover.
6. The author wants you to know that sea turtles become threatened as soon as the hatch from their nest and it takes the watchful eye of HELPFUL HUMANS to make sure they survive to mature adults and continue the survival of this ancient species.
7. The take away from this story is educating young readers about plastic litter and the negative effects on turtles.

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Answer Key
Tammy Turtle
Task Cards

1. The eggs hatched at night.
2. The hatchlings needed protection from the raccoons and ghost crabs.
3. The HELPFUL HUMANS guarded them and kept the predators away.
   (Note: They did not pick up the hatchlings.)
4. The full nest of hatchlings came out of the nest all at once.
5. The reflection of the moon on the water gave the hatchlings a guiding light.
6. Tammy and the other hatchlings knew there were predators in the water.
7. Each tiny turtle had absorbed yolk from its egg.
8. Tammy and the other hatchlings found a plant called sargassum weed and other sea life.
9. Tammy found a plastic bag and thought it was a jelly fish.
10. The HELPFUL HUMANS TOOK Tammy to a science center where she could recover.
11. Tammy did get better and the HELPFUL HUMANS took her to the beach so she could crawl back into the ocean.
12. Tammy and Tessa became adults. They went back to the beach where they were born, dug a nest, then laid their eggs.
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