Let's Talk About Sea Turtles!

Study Guide and Comprehension Question Task Cards

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This packet includes:

- Read and Think guiding questions.
- Comprehension discussion task cards.
- Instructions for a foldable retell book.
- Answer Keys
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?
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3. Who are the main characters?
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4. What is the problem in the story?
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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?

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8. Did you learn any new words in this story?

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Task Card No.1
In the first part of this story why is the young girl pointing a flashlight at the raccoon?

Task Card No.2
What do the young girl and the boy do to protect the buried eggs?

Task Card No.3
When the morning comes, what is the next threat to the sea turtle nest?

Task Card No.4
How long does it take for the sea turtle eggs to incubate?
Task Card No.5

What does Turtle absorb from its shell to get energy?

Task Card No.6

As the hatchlings emerge from the nest, they are confused by the light. Why?

Task Card No.7

As the hatchlings journey down the beach, are there any predators waiting?

Task Card No.8

What helps Turtle escape from the hungry fish?
You will find information for helping sea turtles in the back of this book. What are people doing to help sea turtles even though they do not live near beaches?

As Turtle grows and travels, she encounters other threats in the ocean. Name two of these threats?

Are the threats that Turtle encounters threats caused by humans or nature?

Turtle is about to lay her eggs. What does the author mean when she says some of the turtles will make it with a little luck and the help of many hands?

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Foldable Retell Book

After reading *Turtle, Turtle, Watch Out!* 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.

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All About Turtle, Turtle, Watch Out!

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In the beginning of the story, *Turtle, Turtle, Watch Out!*, ____

Draw a picture

Three things I learned from this story:

1. ____________________________
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2. ____________________________
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3. ____________________________
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5 Things You Can Do to Help Sea Turtles

1. Carry reusable straws, water bottles and shopping bags. If a sea turtle eats plastic bags or other plastics that become tangled in seaweed, this can injure or kill them.

2. Turn out lights visible from the beach. Artificial light in homes can also discourage female turtles from nesting and confuse hatchlings trying to make their way to the ocean. If you do keep your lights on, close your blinds to reduce the glare as much as possible.

3. If you do encounter a sea turtle, remain calm and quiet and avoid them. If you frighten a female sea turtle, she may end up returning to the ocean instead of nesting on the beach.

4. Clean up the beach. Trash often ends up on our beaches where it confuses baby sea turtles trying to make their way to the ocean. Whether you participate in group beach cleanups periodically or you walk the beach every so often to help clean up, remove trash that can be destructive to a sea turtle’s habitat.

5. Fill in holes and knock down sandcastles before you leave the beach, so sea turtles are not turned away and hatchlings don’t get stuck.

Draw a picture

Next, ____________________________________
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Page 4

Draw a picture

In the middle of the story,

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Page 5

Draw a picture

At the end of the story,

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Read and Think Questions

1. Realistic Fiction
2. Beach and ocean
3. One hatchling and young “helping hands”.
4. A hatchling faces many natural threats and human made threats as she travels and grows to adulthood.
5. With a little bit of luck, fast swimming and human helping hands this sea turtle finds her way back to the beach where she was born.
6. The author wants you to know that sea turtles become threatened as soon as they hatch from their nest by natural and human made threats.
7. The take away from this story is educating young readers about the different threats a sea turtle faces and with the helping hands of humans some of the threats can be stopped.

Task Cards

1. The young girl is trying scare the raccoon away from the sea turtle nest.
2. The young girls and the boy place a wire fence around the nest to protect the eggs from predators.
3. A jeep drives on the beach and threatens to run over the nest.
4. It takes the sea turtle nest about two months to incubate.
5. Turtle absorbs the yolk sac within the egg for energy.
6. Turtle is confused by the artificial light coming from a porch light that is left on.
7. There are night herons, cats and raccoons waiting for the hatchlings.
8. Turtle is caught up in the water current and is carried to safety.
9. Turtle almost eats a plastic bag and when she is trying to escape from a shark she is caught in a fishing net.
10. The animals on the beach and large fish in the ocean are natural threats. The plastic bag and the fishing net are made by humans.
11. The author means that whenever possible human helping hands can help sea turtles survive, but some of the time humans are not around to help and sea turtles have to manage on their own.
12. People that do not live near beaches are helping by reusing plastic bags and making sure they are disposed of properly so they don’t end up in the ocean. Also people are raising money to protect beaches with sea turtle nests. Finally, people are talking with government officials about passing laws that protect sea turtles.