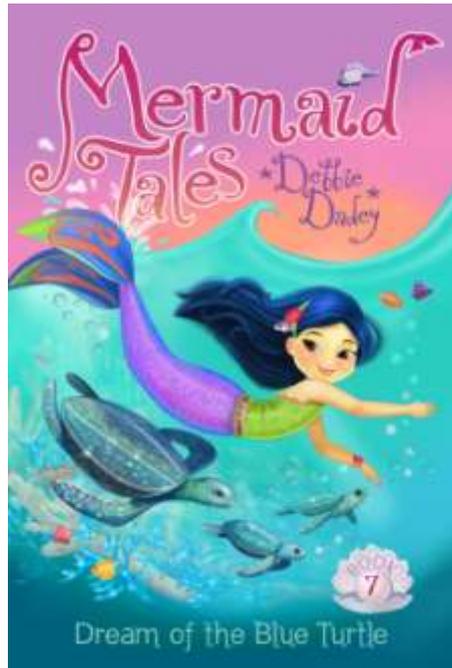


MERMAID TALES

A Teaching Unit

Dream of the Blue Turtle



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Other books in the Mermaid Tales series include:

- Trouble at Trident Academy
- Battle of the Best Friends
- A Whale of a Tale
- Danger in the Deep Blue Sea
- The Lost Princess
- The Secret Sea Horse

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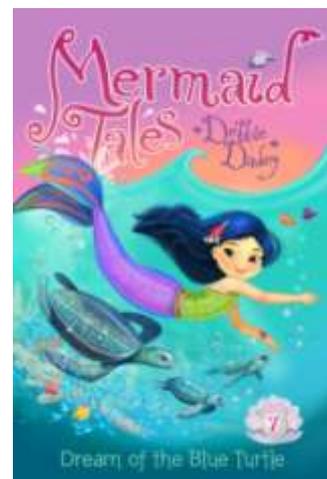
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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

Book Summary:

Kiki has the mermaid gift of visions, but she thinks it's a curse. When she has a horrible dream, she knows she has to stop a leatherback turtle from visiting the school, but nothing seems to work. Is there anyway she can save Rocky?



Meet the author:



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DEBBIE DADEY BOOKLIST

Here is a selected list of books by Debbie Dadey. For a complete list of titles visit www.debbiedadey.com

Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots

A Whale of a Tale

The Slime Wars

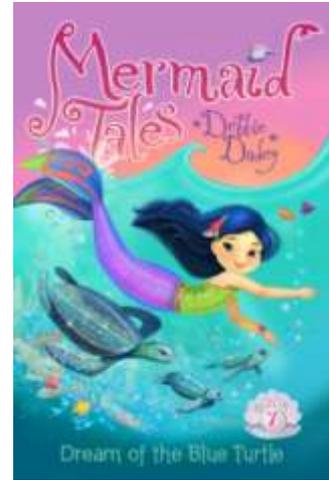
Angels Don't Know Karate

Danger in the Deep Blue Sea

This Side of Magic

Unicorns Don't Give Sleigh Rides

Battle of the Best Friends



Pre-reading activities: Before reading **Dream of the Blue Turtle** complete some or all of the activities below to peak interest in the story, as well as to increase comprehension, reading, and predicting skills. The next two pages have activities to try as well.

1. If possible, bring turtle shells into the classroom or visit a local science museum.
2. All seven species of sea turtles are endangered. The hawksbill sea turtle became endangered due to the use of its shell to make tortoise shell jewelry and decorative items. It is illegal to buy or sell tortoise shell items today, but if someone has an antique piece of jewelry you can show your students and discuss why people did what they did. Luckily, today we have manmade look-alikes. Make a list of other animals that are endangered. Why are they endangered?
3. In *Dream of the Blue Turtle*, the merstudents make pretend houses for a leatherback turtle (since they don't have shells). Let students make their own pretend house out of found materials.
4. Encourage students to keep a dream diary. Has anyone ever had a dream come true?
5. Bring a beautifully wrapped surprise box into the room. Let a volunteer open it to find a stuffed turtle.

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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

Pre-reading activity

Name: _____

Date: _____

Anticipation Guide

Dive in! Answer true or false to these questions before reading Dream of the Blue Turtle and again after completing the story to see if your answers have changed.



Before (no wrong answer)		After
_____	1. All turtles have shells.	_____
_____	2. Hawksbill turtles are the largest sea turtle.	_____
_____	3. Leatherback turtles eat jellyfish.	_____
_____	4. A floating plastic bag looks like a jellyfish.	_____
_____	5. King Neptune was the king of the sea in mythology.	_____
_____	6. Leatherback turtles do not have shells.	_____
_____	7. Adult leatherback turtles weigh about one pound.	_____
_____	8. Leatherback turtles are one of the oldest creatures.	_____
_____	9. Cooperation means working well with someone else.	_____
_____	10. There is a fish that looks like a porcupine.	_____

Did you change your mind on any of the above? Yes or No

Did any of the above sentences surprise you? _____ Which one? _____

On the back of this page make up your own sentence to ask your teacher or classmate. Let them guess if the answer is true or false.

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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

Pre-reading activity

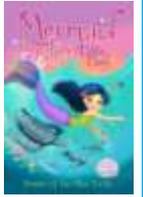
Name: _____

Answer guide

Date: _____

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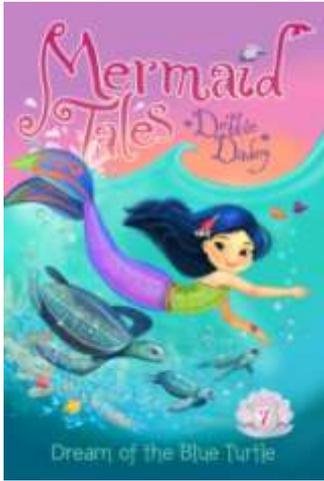
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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

Pre-reading activity

Name _____

Book Overview: Look throughout the book to help you fill in these blanks. E/LA Common Core Standards for Reading Grade 3 RI.3.1

Book Title:

Author:

Illustrator:

Date of publication:

Number of pages: _____

Where was this book printed?

Is this book fiction or non-fiction?

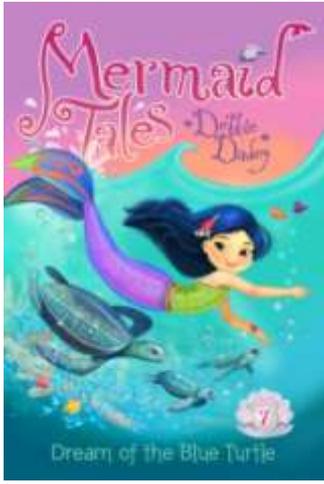
How do you know?

Read the back of the book and tell two things about the story.

1. _____

2. _____

What company published this story?



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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

Pre-reading activity

Name _____

Book Overview **Answers**

E/LA Common Core Standards for Reading Grade 3 RI.3.1

Book Title:

 Dream of the Blue Turtle

Author:

 Debbie Dadey

Illustrator:

 Tatevik Avakyan

Date of publication:

 2014

Number of pages: not available when pub.

Where was this book printed?

 United States

Is this book fiction or non-fiction?

 Fiction

 How do you know?

 answers will vary

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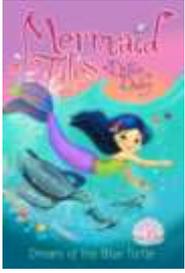
1. **answers will vary**

2.

What company published this story?

 Simon and Schuster





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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

Pre-reading activity

New words To Learn for Dream of the Blue Turtle

Chapter 1

leatherback	endangered	vision
weigh	shriek	reassured

Chapter 2 and 3

cafeteria	yesterday	especially
grouchy	whistled	rescue

Chapter 4 and 5

ancestors	creativity	absolutely
dangerous	restaurant	chandelier

Chapter 6 and 7

argue	unusual	concentrate
barnacles	enormous	appearance

Chapter 8 – 11

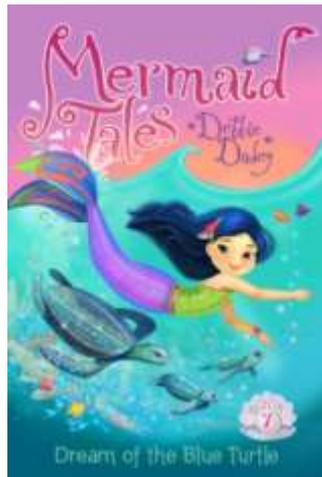
cooperative	absolutely	consequences	project	relieved
continued	interrupt	mauve	enormous	glanced
bioluminescent	interview	visionaries	fibbed	information

E/LA Common Core Standards for Reading Grade 3 RL.3.4

FUN WAYS TO LEARN VOCABULARY WORDS FOR DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

- Categorize the vocabulary words by putting them into lists: noun, verb, descriptive word.
- Let students make a picture of things in the sea. Then let them hide their vocabulary words in the picture. Let another student try to find the words.
- Have a word race. Call out the word and let students race to find the word in the chapter.
- Let kids put their words in spelling boxes by drawing a rectangle and putting the word in it. Now, separate each syllable inside the boxes. Remind students that every box must have a vowel.
- Let students design their own paper turtle shells and put a vocabulary word on each side. Use them to decorate the classroom door. Upon entering the room students must touch a shell and say a word.

Common Core RF.3.3



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Chapter 1/ecology

NAME:

DATE:

Use the space below to make a Save the Leatherback turtle poster! Be sure to include something about plastic bags and the danger they pose to leatherbacks.

Leatherbacks are just one of the many endangered animals in the world. Name one other sea animal that is endangered.

Name an endangered land animal. _____

Find out why elephants are endangered. _____

Find out why the hawksbill sea turtle is endangered. _____

Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems 3-LSE-3 E/LA Common Core Standards for reading Grade 3 RI.3.5



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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

Chapter 1 **Answers**

NAME:

DATE:

Pictures will vary

Leatherbacks are just one of the many endangered animals in the world. Name one other sea animal that is endangered. **Answers will vary, but may include: hawksbill sea turtle, stellar sea lion, hammerhead sharks, blue whale, vaquita, Florida manatee, Hawaiian monk seal, Kemp's ridley sea turtle, humpback whales, Frasier's dolphin, and the leatherback turtle.**

Name an endangered land animal. **Answers will vary, but may include: ivory-billed woodpecker, amur lemur, javan rhinoceros, northern sportive lemur, western lowland gorilla, and Siberian Tiger.**

Find out why elephants are endangered. **For their ivory tusks**

Find out why the hawksbill sea turtle is endangered. **For their shells**

Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems 3-LSE-3 E/LA Common Core Standards for reading Grade 3 RI.3.5

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Chapter 2/mythology

Name:	Date:
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In ancient Greece, gods and goddesses were worshipped. When Greece was conquered by Romans, the Romans adopted many of the Greek gods and goddesses, but changed the names. Now, we refer to them all as mythology. Can you find what's missing using reference books or Internet sources? Write your sources on the back.

Greek	Roman	Description
	Venus	goddess of love
Apollo		god of the sun
Ares	Mars	
Hades		god of the underworld
Poseidon		god of the sea
	Jupiter	king of the gods.
	Mercury	god of flight
Athena		goddess of wisdom
	Hera	goddess of marriage
	Ceres/Saturn	goddess of the harvest
Dionysus	Bacchus	
Hephaestus		god of fire
	Diana	goddess of the hunt

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.2



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Apollo	Apollo	god of the sun
Ares	Mars	god of war
Hades	Pluto	god of the underworld
Poseidon	Neptune	god of the sea
Zeus	Jupiter	king of the gods.
Hermes	Mercury	god of flight
Athena	Minerva	goddess of wisdom
Hera	Juno	goddess of marriage
Demeter	Ceres/Saturn	goddess of the harvest
Dionysus	Bacchus	god of wine
Hephaestus	Vulcan	god of fire
Artemis	Diana	goddess of the hunt

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.2



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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

Chapter 3/brainstorming

Name:

Date:

Mermaid legend says that mermaids can see the future. Do you believe it is possible for anyone to see the future? _____ Pretend it is possible and write down three predictions for this year. Write down four predictions for the distant future.

1.

2.

3.

4. Next year:

5. Five years:

6. 25 years:

7. 1000 years:

What do you wish would happen this school year?

Students answers will vary.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Learn about turtles and then try your luck at the turtle Quiz. If you get three or more right, you earn a Super Turtle Seal of Approval.

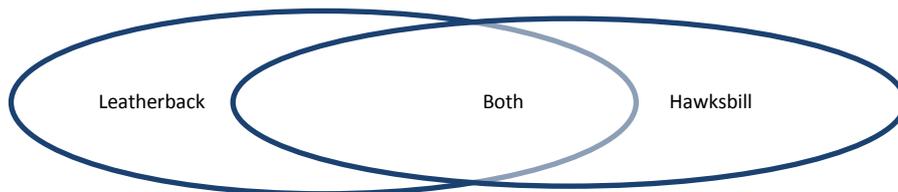


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True or False

1. Leatherback turtles eat jellybeans. _____
2. Leatherback and hawksbill turtles are endangered. _____
3. There are many, many leatherback and hawksbill turtles. _____
4. Hawksbill turtles hide their shells because they are ugly. _____
5. The hawksbill turtle is the largest sea turtle. _____

Compare and contrast the leatherback and hawksbill turtle. Put their traits in the correct space. If you need more space, use the back.



Name: **Answers**

Date:

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See the next page for the rest of the answers.

Chapter four answers continued

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Eat jellyfish
Largest marine turtle
Die when they eat too many plastic bags.

Leatherback

Both

Hawksbill

Beaked snout
Beautiful shell that people made jewelry out of.

Both: Marine Endangered

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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE CHAPTER 5/MATH

Name:	Date:
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In chapter 5 of Dream of the Blue Turtle, Kiki and her friends go to the Big Rock Cafe for a treat. Pick out a food and drink for each girl and figure out the cost below.

FOOD	DRINK
Beautiful boxfish burgers: 5 shells	Seaweed juice: 1 shell
Sea Dragon sushi: 4 shells	Comb jelly tea: 1 shell
Cuttlefish chowder: 3 shells	Big kelp drink: 2 shells
Yellow splash lichen chips: 2 shells	Coconut shakes (new!): 3 shells

1. What should Kiki order? _____

What is the cost? _____

2. What will Shelly order? _____

What is the cost? _____

3. What will Echo order? _____

What is the cost? _____

4. What will Pearl order? _____

What is the cost? _____

Answers will vary

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CHAPTER 6/ART AND RESEARCH

Name:

Date:

Use the space below to design a house for a leatherback turtle.

Write three facts about leatherback turtles in complete sentences:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Answers may vary

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CHAPTER 7/ART, RESEARCH, GRAMMAR

Name:

Date:

In chapter seven of Dream of the Blue Turtle, Kiki asks Madame Hippocampus for help. In Greek mythology, a hippocampus is part-dolphin and part-horse and pulls the chariot of Poseidon, ruler of the sea. The creatures in the following list, also from mythology, are part man and part animal. Find out what's missing by using your library or Internet resources.

Centaur: part man and part _____

Satyr: part man and part _____

Faun: part man and part _____

Minotaur: part man and part _____

Now is the fun part! On the back of this page, make your own mythological creature that is part man and part animal. Fill the whole page and have fun! Then fix the mistakes in the following sentences by writing them correctly.

1. kiki woke up early the next night

2. she made me do all all the work kiki said

3. we ll go with you echo said

4. i don t feel fortunate kiki said

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CHAPTER 7/ART, RESEARCH, GRAMMAR

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answers

Date:

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Centaur: part man and part _____horse

Satyr: part man and part _____goat

Faun: part man and part _____goat

Minotaur: part man and part _____bull

Now is the fun part! On the back of this page, make your own mythological creature that is part man and part some other animal. Fill the whole page and have fun! Then fix the mistakes in the following sentences by writing them correctly.

1. kiki woke up early the next night

Kiki woke up early the next morning.

2. she made me do all all the work kiki said

"She made me do all the work!" Kiki said.

3. we ll go with you echo said

"We'll go with you," Echo said.

4. i don t feel fortunate kiki said

"I don't feel fortunate," Kiki said.

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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE CHAPTER 8 RESEARCH/REPORT

Name:	Date:
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THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF TURTLES IN THE WORLD, BESIDES THE LEATHERBACK TURTLE. PICK ONE AND LEARN ABOUT IT. DRAW IT ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. MAKE IT AS LARGE AS THE PAGE.

TYPE OF TURTLE: _____

WHERE DOES IT LIVE? _____

HOW BIG DOES IT GET? _____

WHAT COLOR IS IT? _____

WRITE AN INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOUR TURTLE: _____

IN THE SPACE BELOW, USE THE FACTS ABOVE TO WRITE YOUR OWN INFORMATIONAL PARAGRAPH ABOUT YOUR TURTLE.

ANSWERS WILL VARY

E/LA CCS RI.3.6



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CHAPTER 9/RESEARCH/INTERVIEW

Name:	Date:
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Pick someone famous that you'd like to meet. Who is it? _____

Why are they famous? _____

In order to interview someone it is important to know something about them. Learn three facts about your famous person. Write them below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Now, using what you've learned write three interview questions below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Do more: If you want to do more, you can write to your famous person and ask him/her your questions. **Answers will vary.**

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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

CHAPTER 10-ECOSYSTEMS

Name:

Date:

LEATHERBACK TURTLES LIVE IN MANY AREAS OF THE OCEANS, BUT MOST CREATURES STAY IN SPECIFIC AREAS OR PLACES. CAN YOU MATCH THESE CREATURES TO WHERE THEY LIVE?

POLAR BEAR	JUNGLE
OWL	POND
MONKEY	HIVE
BEE	BARN
HORSE	OCEAN
FROG	TREE
SHARK	ARTIC

TRY THESE BRAIN TEASERS:

- 1. A HORSE IS TO A BARN AS A _____ IS TO A POND.**
- 2. THE OCEAN IS TO A SHARK AS A TREE IS TO AN _____.**
- 3. A _____ IS TO A HIVE AS A MONKEY IS TO THE _____.**
- 4. A TEACHER IS TO A _____ AS A DOCTOR IS TO A HOSPITAL.**

LS4.D POPULATIONS LIVE IN A VARIETY OF HABITATS

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DREAM OF THE BLUE TURTLE

CHAPTER 10/HABITAT

Name: answers	Date:
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2. THE OCEAN IS TO A SHARK AS A TREE IS TO AN **OWL** _____.
3. A **BEE** _____ IS TO A HIVE AS A MONKEY IS TO THE **JUNGLE** _____.
4. A TEACHER IS TO A **SCHOOL** AS A DOCTOR IS TO A HOSPITAL.

5. LS4.D POPULATIONS LIVE IN A VARIETY OF HABITATS



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CHAPTER 11: GEOGRAPHY

Name:

Date:

Map of the World: the shaded parts are the continents and the white spaces are the oceans and seas.

North



South

1. Marvin, the leatherback turtle, says his favorite waters are near Asia. Use a globe or a world map to help you locate Asia on the map above. Put a big red A on Asia.
2. Author Debbie Dadey lives on the continent of North America. Find it on the map and put a big blue N on it.
3. The country of Brazil is located in South America. Find it on the map above and put a S on it. Did you know that in some parts of the world, South America and North America are considered one continent?
4. Find Africa and color it green.
5. Find Europe and put a big purple E on it.
6. Find Australia and color it orange. Circle the continent where you live.
7. If Marvin swam south from off the coast of Asia, what continent would he find? _____
8. If Marvin swam from Australia toward South America, what continent would be between the two?

9. If you were Marvin and could swim to any continent in the world, where would you go?

10. Using a dotted line, trace a path for Marvin to swim in the oceans around the continents, going from Europe to Australia.

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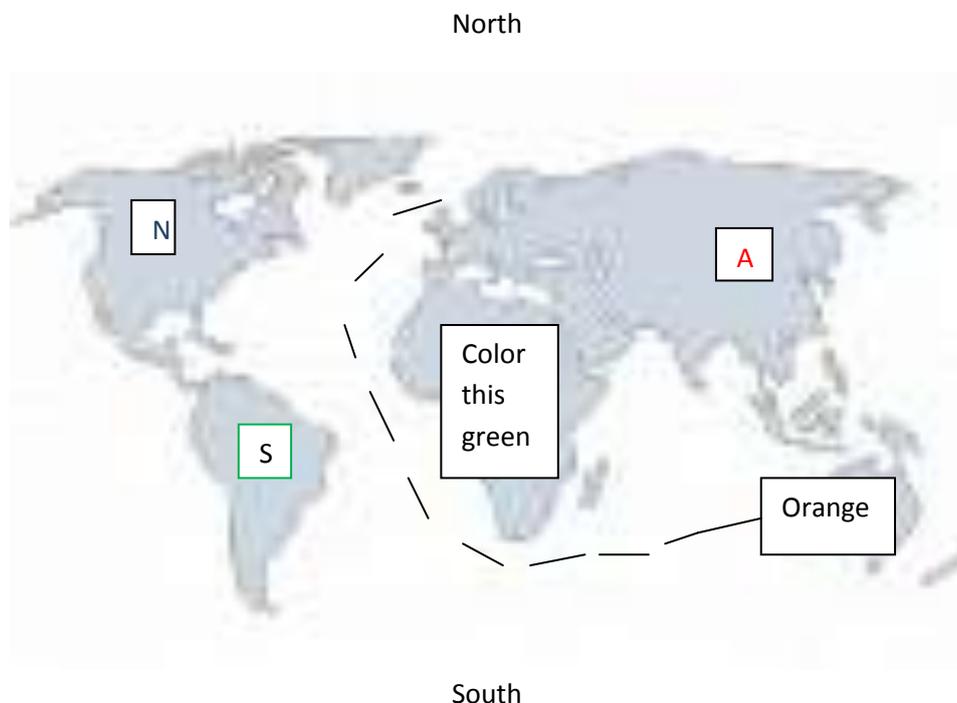
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