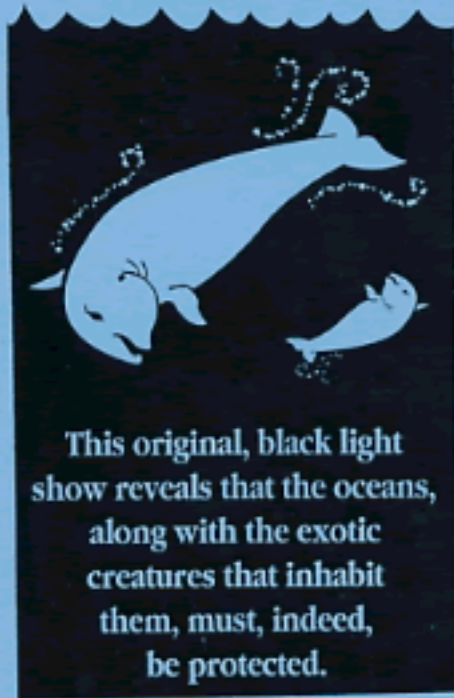


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The Spectacular Seas



STUDY GUIDE

PUPPETS TO GO

Bob Nathanson has been a professional puppeteer since 1979. In addition to performing at schools, museums, theatres and libraries, he has performed at regional and national puppetry festivals throughout the United States. Bob uses music to help evoke a wide range of moods in each production. It is his strong writing background, however, that makes any PUPPETS TO GO show memorable. Stories may be amusing one moment...sensitive and touching the next. Wherever he performs, Bob, along with his cast of puppet characters, educates the mind and entertains the imagination.

THE SPECTACULAR SEAS

This original story revolves around a young boy named Jeremy who embarks on an exciting voyage of discovery into the spectacular seas. He encounters many interesting species of fish, along with a beluga whale, an octopus, and a close encounter with a mako shark. Jeremy learns that the oceans, along with the exotic creatures that inhabit them, must be protected. This show is performed in black light, with the puppets and props glowing in the dark, and the puppeteer hidden by black clothing, including a black hood.

BEFORE THE SHOW -

Things You May Wish To Discuss With Your Class (Adapt to appropriate grade level)

- 1) How much of the earth's surface is covered by water? (More than two-thirds - about 70%).
- 2) What is the difference between an ocean and a sea?

The term sea is frequently used interchangeably with ocean, as it is in *The Spectacular Seas*. A sea is not strictly the same as an ocean. A sea can be a body of salt water that lacks an outlet to the ocean, i.e., the Dead Sea.

Seas are also classified as enclosed and partly enclosed. An enclosed sea connects with the ocean via a narrow channel, i.e., the Mediterranean Sea. Partly enclosed seas have a much wider channel to the ocean, i.e., the North Sea.

- 3) Which are the modern "seven seas?"
Arctic, Antarctic, Indian, North Atlantic, South Atlantic,
North Pacific and South Pacific.
- 4) Have any of you been in an ocean?
- 5) Have any of you been to an aquarium?
- 6) When the early astronauts viewed the Earth from orbit, why did they call it "The Blue Planet?"

VOCABULARY WORDS

beluga
fluke
drift net
hydrophone
mako
scuba
blowhole
oceanography
bathysphere
tentacle

AFTER THE SHOW -

Things You May Wish To Discuss With Your Class (Adapt to appropriate grade level)

- 1) Which of the characters in the show was your favorite? Why?
- 2) What do you think it would be like to live in the ocean?
- 3) If you could be any animal that lives in the ocean, which would you be? Why?
- 4) What kinds of moods did the music in the show help create?
How many of the different moods can you name?
- 5) What kinds of food does an octopus like to eat?
- 6) Of the five senses, which is the most developed on:
 - a) a mako shark?
 - b) an octopus?
- 7) How many different types of materials can you name that pollute the seas?
- 8) What do you think is the biggest threat to our oceans? Why?

ABOUT PUPPETS

A puppet is an inanimate object that is moved or controlled by a person. Puppets form a vital part of the cultures of many countries, where they are primarily thought of as theatre for adults. There are many types of puppets, including marionettes (or string puppets), hand, rod, finger, mouth and shadow.

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