

Teaching Trunks

Masters of the Ocean Realm: Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises

The Masters of the Ocean Realm Teaching Trunk is a peek into the world of marine mammals whose intelligence is believed to rival that of humans. Extensive information about whales, dolphins, and porpoises is included along with a few games designed to inform students about the actual physical structure of marine life. Small-scale models are provided for students to handle in addition to exhibits of their biological traits. There are also some replicas of tools used by native peoples to hunt whales, the only people in the United States who are currently allowed to do so.

Kit Contents

Educator's Notebook

- With Monterey Bay Aquarium Guide Book to Scale Models, Exhibit information with classroom activities, and American Cetacean Society Fact Sheets for Whales, Dolphins, and Porpoises

Books

- A Unit About Whales by Evan Moor
- Dolphins: Our Friends in the Sea by National Geographic Society
- The Search for the Right Whale by Scott Kraus and Kenneth Mallory
- Whales, Scholastic Activity Book
- Winter Whale by Joanne Ryder
- Zoobooks (total of 4 separate books per kit):
- Whales (English and Spanish)
- Dolphins (English and Spanish)

Posters

- Mac's Field Guide: Marine Mammals of North America
- 6 Families of Toothed Whales by Pieter Folkens
- Whales and Dolphins

Videotape

- Portrait of a Whale by National Geographic (12 minutes) with Teacher's Guide (in Notebook)

Audiotape

- Creation of the Killer Whale - Tlingit Legend (short version) and Cetacean Top 12 - from exhibit jukebox (whale vocals)

Activities and Games

- 50 Tails for 50 Whales - game

- Krill - A Whale of a Game
- Tlingit Rubbing Plates (2) - for crayon art project

Artifacts and Specimens

- Inuit Harpoon Head and Inuit Harpoon Rest (replicas)
- Whale Skin (model)
- Dolphin Flipper and Human Skeletal Hand (models)
- Sperm Whale Tooth and Baleen Plate (replica and model)
- Scrimshaw Whale Tooth (replica)
- Fossil Whale Tooth (replica)
- Fossil Whale Ear Bone (replica)
- Models (5" to 15"): Adult Beluga, Gray, Humpback, and Sperm Whales, and Bottlenose dolphin
- Humpback and Gray Whale calves
- N.W. Coast Killer Whale Banner (silkscreen reproduction of block print)