



Harbor Class: Introduction to New York Harbor Summer Assignment

Summer is the perfect opportunity for you to spend some time around the water! What is it about the water that interests or fascinates you? What can you observe or discover about the water for yourself?

Summer Assignment Guidelines:

1. Make **one trip** to any body of water. If you're having a hard time choosing a place here are some suggestions:
 - a. Coney Island Beach
 - b. Rockaway Beach
 - c. Hudson River
 - d. Jones Beach
 - e. Central Park Lake
 - f. Prospect Park Lake
 - g. East River
 - h. Any other body of water!
2. Where is your water body? Describe the location in words or draw a map.
3. What kind of water body is it? (river, ocean, lake, bay, etc.) What kind of water is in the water body? (fresh water, salt water, brackish water?)
4. Make at least five observations using your senses (i.e. sight, smell, hearing, touch, taste). In your observations be sure to include:
 - a. living things (plants and animals)
 - b. non-living things
 - c. activities or evidence of humans
 - d. boats seen
 - e. shoreline
 - f. weather
5. For each of the observations you list, write three details. (For example if you felt a strong wind your details might include that the wind was coming from over the water, that it felt cool on your face, and that it smelled like seaweed and salt.)
6. Using your list of observations, create a "story" about your experience at the water body you visited. It could be a drawing, comic strip, poem, fictional story, non-fiction story about the water body you visited. Be creative! You can do anything you want as long as you use the ideas from your list of five observations. Include a description of how being at the water body made you feel.
7. **Your observations and description should be about one page. Your "story" should be another page.**

Yes, you need to do this project and bring it with you to the **first day of school**. Please staple this sheet to your Project. We will collect it during your first Harbor Class of the year. Don't be stressed – make it a fun trip and enjoy! Have a great summer!

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