

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a deeper understanding of marine life, ecosystems, and the role of aquariums in conservation efforts, specifically focusing on the Georgia Aquarium. The student will also engage in creative activities that enhance their learning experience.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Colored pencils or markers
- Access to the internet (for research)
- Notebook for notes
- Timer (optional for activities)

Before the lesson, familiarize yourself with the Georgia Aquarium's website to gather interesting facts and information about the exhibits and marine life.

## Activities

- **Virtual Tour:**

Take a virtual tour of the Georgia Aquarium online. Explore different exhibits and write down three interesting facts about marine animals you see.

- **Marine Life Art:**

Create a drawing or painting of your favorite marine animal from the aquarium. Include details about its habitat and diet in your artwork.

- **Conservation Discussion:**

Have a discussion about how aquariums help with conservation efforts. Write a short paragraph about why it's important to protect marine life.

- **Animal Research Project:**

Choose one animal from the aquarium and research its characteristics, habitat, and threats. Prepare a short presentation to share with your family.

## Talking Points

- "Did you know the Georgia Aquarium is one of the largest aquariums in the world? It has over 100,000 animals!"
- "Aquariums like the Georgia Aquarium play a big role in helping us learn about marine life and how to protect it."
- "What do you think is the most interesting animal at the aquarium? Why?"
- "Conservation means protecting our planet and its creatures. How can we help protect marine life?"
- "Every animal has a special role in its ecosystem. Can you think of what role your favorite marine animal might play?"