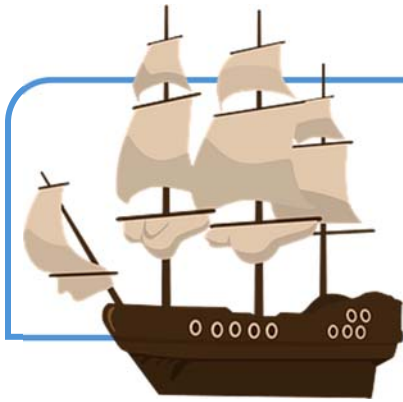


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Atlantic Wonders

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Journey Across The Atlantic

The **Atlantic Ocean** stretches between the Americas, Europe, and Africa, making it one of the most traveled oceans in the world. Long ago, explorers sailed across its rolling waves to discover new lands, trade goods, and share ideas. Today, the Atlantic remains busy with ships carrying food, fuel, and products between continents. Beneath the surface, the ocean is alive with whales, sea turtles, fish, and powerful currents that help shape weather across the globe.

The Atlantic Ocean is also known for its dramatic natural features. The Mid Atlantic Ridge is a long underwater mountain chain that runs through the center of the ocean. It slowly pushes apart the surrounding continents, creating new seafloor over time. The ocean is home to warm and cold currents, including the famous Gulf Stream. These moving waters influence temperatures, storms, and even how plants and animals survive. Whether on the surface or deep below, the Atlantic is full of mysteries that scientists continue to explore.

1. What continents border the Atlantic Ocean?
2. Why was the Atlantic important to early explorers?
3. What types of animals can be found in the Atlantic Ocean?
4. What is the Mid Atlantic Ridge and why is it important?
5. How does the Gulf Stream affect the Atlantic region?
6. What is one way the Atlantic Ocean is used today?
7. Write one interesting fact you learned from the passage.