

Atlantic Wonders Answer Key

1. The Atlantic borders the Americas, Europe, and Africa.
2. It was important because explorers crossed it to find new lands, trade, and share ideas.
3. Animals include whales, sea turtles, colorful fish, and many others.
4. It is a long underwater mountain chain that creates new seafloor as it pushes continents apart.
5. It influences temperatures and weather patterns in the Atlantic region.
6. It is used for shipping goods such as food, fuel, and products.
7. Answers will vary.

Teacher's Guide

- Ideal for grades 3 to 8 and suitable for introducing basic ocean geography and reading comprehension skills.
- Encourage students to cite details from the passage when answering questions.

Differentiation Tips

- For younger students, read the passage aloud and discuss each paragraph before answering.
- Provide sentence starters for students who need writing support.
- Allow advanced students to generate two additional questions about the passage.

Engagement Ideas

- Connect the passage to a map activity by having students identify the continents around the Atlantic.
- Invite students to share prior knowledge about oceans or marine life.

Extension Activities

- Assign a short research task on one Atlantic Ocean animal or feature.
- Ask students to compare the Atlantic Ocean to another ocean they have studied.