Exploring the Deep-sea Reef

## MINI-BOOKS: EXPLORING THE DEEP-SEA REEF AND DEEP-SEA CORAL

ACTIVITY: Read stories about deep-sea coral reefs and exploration

OVERVIEW: The DEEP-SEA CORAL and EXPLORING THE DEEP-SEA REEF stories show the reefs and how scientists explore the deep to find them.

Deep-sea Coral

DISCIPLINES: Language arts, STREAM

OBJECTIVES: Students will be able to:

- Recognize that coral is an animal
- Describe how coral builds a reef
- Explain how scientists use technology to explore the deep sea

## MATERIALS:

- Photocopies of the mini-book(s). (one of each book per student, if using both books.)
- Crayons
- Child-safe scissors
- OPTIONAL:
- Stapler

## PREPARATION:

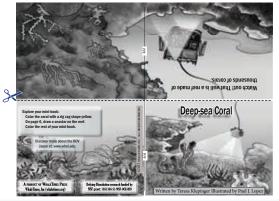
1) Photocopy (or print) the mini-books using both sides of the paper.

- Print pages 3 and 4 of this document for Exploring the Deep
- Print pages 5 and 6 of this document for Deep-Sea Coral
- Be sure to select "2-sided" or "print on both both sides" setting. Then select "flip on the long edge/side" if printing from computer and some copy machines. It is a good idea to make one book to be sure settings are correct.

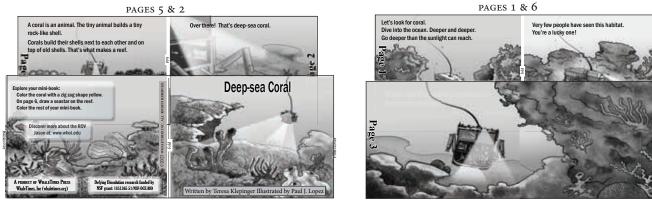
CREATE MINI-BOOK:

Step 1: Cut page in half along dotted line. (Note if cutting with scissors, we find it easier to first fold the paper along the cut line. Then unfold to cut.)

Depending on the age of student and time alloted for activity, either students can cut and fold story or an adult can prepare in advance.



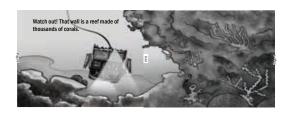
Step 2: Place the cut halves so pages 1 & 6 and 2 & 5 are together. This means the back and front cover are visible on the outside and pages 3 & 4 are visible on the inside.

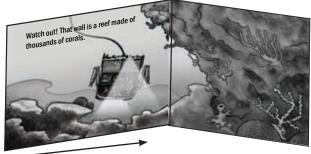


BACK AND FRONT COVER (outside)

PAGES 3&4 (middle)

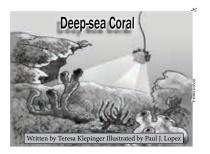
Step 3: Place book so pages 3 & 4 are facing you. (The back and front cover side should be facing away.) Fold the book in half.







Step 4: The front (and back) cover should be visible.



Step 5: OPTIONAL: Open the book to page 3 & 4; Add a staple or two in the center fold to hold the book together.

Step 6: Read the book(s)! Then color!

