



# Lesson Plan Summary

## Magic Tree House Fact Tracker: Dolphins and Sharks

### Fact Tracking with Jack

A research project using Dolphins and Sharks

EACH STUDENT WILL:	COMMON CORE STANDARDS ADDRESSED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read and discuss new vocabulary words and historical facts in the <u>Dolphins and Sharks</u> Fact Tracker.</li><li>• Write a mini-research report using the Jack's Fact's worksheet.</li><li>• Track and write favorite facts from the Fact Tracker.</li><li>• Draw a diagram, illustration, or map with a caption.</li><li>• Make an acrostic poem using "topic and detail" related vocabulary words.</li></ul>	<p>(The standard for one grade level is explained. The codes for applicable grade levels are listed.)</p> <p><b>READING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS (RI2.1, RI3.1, RI4.1)</b> Ask and answer such questions as <i>who</i>, <i>what</i>, <i>where</i>, <i>when</i>, <i>why</i>, and <i>how</i> to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text. (RI2.1)</li><li>• <b>CRAFT AND STRUCTURE (RI2.4, RI3.4, RI4.4)</b> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to grade specific topic or subject area (RI2.4)</li><li>• <b>CRAFT AND STRUCTURE (RI2.5, RI3.5, RI4.5)</b> Know and use various text features to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently (RI2.5)</li></ul> <p><b>WRITING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF WRITING (W2.5, W3.5, W4.5)</b> With guidance and support from adults and peers, focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing (W2.5)</li></ul>

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#### Being creative with the facts (a mini-research project)

This fun and creative activity is a way to introduce various text features and methods of expression in a research report.

#### MATERIALS NEEDED

Dolphins and Sharks Fact Tracker  
Copy of *Jack's Facts* notebook page (enclosed)  
Crayons, markers or colored pencils

#### DIRECTIONS:

- After reading and discussing the Dolphins and Sharks Fact Tracker, either in guided reading time or as an independent activity, the students will be ready to choose and share their favorite parts of the book.
- Tri-fold the *Jack's Facts* notebook page like a brochure with the writing showing on top.
- **First column** – The students write their three of their favorite facts next to the WOW, UNBELIEVABLE, and INTERESTING bullets on the page. Model how they should write “in their own words”.
- **Middle column** – The students draw a diagram, illustration, or map of their choice using the Fact Tracker as a reference. Include a caption.
- **Last column** – The students make an acrostic poem. Acrostic poems are a creative way to show a topic and details. The students choose a favorite topic idea from the Fact Tracker and write it in all capital letters vertically on the left. Each letter in the topic word begins another vocabulary word which is a detail that is written horizontally to the right. (See the answer key for an example)

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## **IDEAS FOR NEXT STEPS (OPTIONAL)**

- Collect a “Jack’s Facts” for each of the four Fact Trackers in the cluster and store in THE BACKPACK (from the Cluster lessons).
- Put them on an “O” ring and challenge the students to see how many they can collect.
- For fourth and fifth grades, use this mini- research report as an outline for a more in-depth research report.
- Use other lesson plans associated with this Fact Tracker and the accompanying Magic Tree House book to complete other projects.

**Other Lesson plans associated with this Fact Tracker and its accompanying Magic Tree House book can be found at:**

MTH #09 - Team Shark/Team Dolphin Debate

<http://www.mthclassroomadventures.org/pdf/MTHFT09-Debate-Project-Dolphins-and-Sharks.pdf>

MTH #09 - Cross Curriculum - Dolphins at Daybreak

<http://www.mthclassroomadventures.org/pdf/mth-09-cross-curriculum-dolphins-at-daybreak.pdf>

# Jack's Facts

List your 3 favorite facts.

**WOW!**

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**UNBELIEVABLE!**

-

**INTERESTING!**

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# Jack's Facts

Draw a diagram, illustration, or map

# Jack's Facts

Make an acrostic poem.

## Jack's Facts

List your 3 favorite facts.

**WOW!**

-Dolphins breathe  
air and are  
mammals

**UNBELIEVABLE!**

-Dolphins can  
leap as high as 6  
feet in the air.

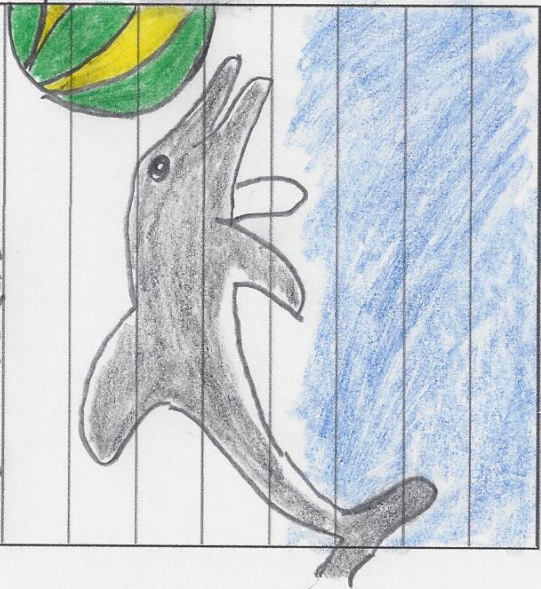
**INTERESTING!**

-There are more  
than 350 different  
species of  
sharks.

## Jack's Facts

Draw a diagram, illustration, or map

Dolphins like to play  
with each other just  
like children do. They  
leap, chase each other,  
and make circles in  
the water. It looks  
like they even have  
best friends.



## Jack's Facts

Make an acrostic poem.

Dorsal fin  
Orca  
live in herds  
orpoises  
Hawaii  
in ocean  
asal sacs

Savengers  
HAMMERHEAD  
AUSTRALIA  
RESEARCH  
KILLER WHALES