TALKING TO THE TEXT and ANNOTATING Instructions and Rubric

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	TASK	5	4	3	2	1
	Annotate the Title "I already know" "I want to know" "This makes me think of" "I wonder"					
	Annotate Pictures, Drawings, Graphs "This shows" "This tells me" "What I don't understand is"					
	 Vocabulary 1. Circle or highlight bolded vocabulary words and other words you do not know. 2. Add definitions using the article, your textbook or a dictionary. 					
	Questions Ask at least 1 question per page about something you read.					
	Connections Describe connections between 1. The reading and yourself, 2. The reading and your world or something else you have read					
	Summarize Clarify your understanding by summarizing the text into your own words at the bottom of each page or in the margins "In summary," "After reading this, I've learned that"					

5 = ADVANCED effort and information

4 = GOOD effort and information

- 3 = SOME effort and information
- 2 = VERY LITTLE effort and information
- 1 = NO EVIDENCE of effort or information

	ANNOTATIONS, QUESTIONS, NOTES
INTERTIDAL HABITATS Adapted from Marine Science Institute	
An invertebrate is an animal without an internal supporting	
structure, better known as a backbone. As a group, the	
invertebrates are highly successful in the natural world and are	
well adapted to many habitats. To become well adapted means	
that, over time, the organism's body structures and behaviors have	
changed to suit the habitat. They are found everywhere: on land	
and in the soil, in freshwater, in saltwater, and in the bodies of	

other animals. In fact, invertebrates make up 97% of all the animals on the earth.

Intertidal invertebrates are simply invertebrates living between the range of the highest and lowest tides. In the Marine Science



Institute program we will compare the invertebrates of the **San Francisco Bay** to those of the **Rocky Shore** of the Pacific Coast and see how different habitats favor different **adaptations**.



San Francisco Bay Habitat:

Many people don't realize how many communities of invertebrates live in and on the muddy, bottom sediments of the S.F. Bay Estuary. This area is called the **benthos**, and is a habitat for many varieties of plant and animal life. Crabs, snails and sea squirts live on top of the Bay's mud, while clams, mussels and tube worms feel more at

home in the mud. Each has its own set of adaptations to feed, move and hide from predators.

Unlike the invertebrates of our coast, most of the invertebrates living in the bay are **non-native**, having been introduced to the bay through human activities. Invertebrates living inside San Francisco bay have less need for rugged bodies of their coastal peers but they must deal with the added stress or changing **salinities** (which are levels of salt in the water) since they live in an estuary, which is the water where the ocean means a river on land.



Rocky Shore Habitat: The rocky shores of the Pacific coast have some of the world's richest intertidal life. These rocky shores are usually layered shale (a soft rock) leading up to steep cliffs. The changing tide levels often form tidepools which are home to a huge diversity of marine invertebrates. These are regions of constant and radical change. During high tide the animals and plants are underwater, but during low tide they are exposed to pounding waves, drying wind, rain that dilutes salinity, and air, which can be very hot or extremely cold. In addition to these stresses, intertidal animals are also exposed to predation from land animals such as sea gulls, sandpipers, and, unfortunately, humans. It's a tough life, and in order to survive, these intertidal dwellers have adapted to these kinds of adversity.

The intertidal zones extend from the highest wave-splashed rocks down to levels that are only uncovered by extreme low tides. There are four basic zones:

Zone 1: The splash zone is the uppermost zone that is closest to the cliff area, and is only covered during very high tides. It receives wind-blown spray which moistens animals such as blue-green algae, periwinkles, limpets and acorn barnacles. **Barnacles** are "clingers", and can close their shells and wait for the return of oxygenated, food-bearing water.





Zone 2: High tide is the next zone down, and may be exposed (left

uncovered by water) for 12 hours at a time. This area may have large rocks and boulders, which during winter storms can pound the animals at this level. Animals found here include the lined shore crab,



California mussel, hermit crabs and turban snails.

Zone 3: The middle zone is less physically stressful, as exposure may last only six hours or less. It is the center of the intertidal region and has the most abundant number of inhabitants. Green sea



Zone 4: The low tide zone is only exposed during times of the new orfull moon (minus tides). It can be the largest zone, and has acomplex diversity of animals competing for food and room to grow.Here, clinging animals are again visible. Anemones resist drying atlow tide by contracting their delicate feeding tentacles and lookinglike small stumps on the rock. Sea stars can be found in clumpsunder rocks, using their tube feet to hold on. Mussels attachthemselves to rocks by secreting tough byssal threads.

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