



Student Activity

Sharks: Species and Survival **The Living Oceans**

Vocabulary:

plankton, crustaceans, lethargic behemoth, escarpment, pectoral fin, agility

Pre-Viewing Discussion:

Why are so many people afraid of sharks?

Are sharks really the deadly predators that most people think they are?

Where are sharks distributed throughout the oceans of the world?

Do sharks swim in communities or are they solitary creatures?

Post-Viewing Discussion:

Which shark is the most deadly? Which shark is the most gentle?

What animals provide food for sharks? Why is there such a wide variety of food eaten by sharks?

Where are the Farallon Islands located? Which shark is master of the ocean near these islands?

Does the great white shark serve any greater purpose by being such a vicious predator?

Further Activities:

Do further research on any of the species mentioned in this program.

Find out how the Farallon Islands have been highlighted in American travel literature.

Compare the facts about sharks with the depiction of sharks in Hollywood movies.

Investigate how sharks have entered into the folklore of several world cultures.