

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

Release week August 4, 2013: Amazing Sea Creatures

Standards

- Current Events: Students will locate and evaluate verbs found in the newspaper.
- Science: Students will research the origin of the ratfish/chimaera's name.
- Science: Students will share videos of these amazing sea creatures.

Activities

1. Use the News: Verbs such as swim, float, skim, bite, tear, swallow and squirm are just some of the words that can be used to describe how these creatures move and behave. As you read the newspaper, identify and list any interesting verbs you find. Are they the best word that could have been used? Can you think of a more appropriate verb?
2. Ratfish are also known as chimaeras. They have also been called elephant fish, rabbitfish and ghost sharks. Why would this fish have so many names? Research this quirk of names, and discover the mythological origin the creature called the "chimera."
3. All these creatures look amazing in real life. See how they behave in their own habit by watching videos available on the Internet. Small groups or individuals could find an interesting video and add it to a collective class list that could then be viewed by all.

World of Wonder meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade.