

Reflection

Using unlined paper, (big is good), make a concept map with you and your family at the centre and the outside edges of the page (at least 3 cm wide) as the ocean. Brainstorm what about the ocean you would like to explore more and what your dreams are for how would like the ocean to be for your great, great grandchildren. Brainstorming sometimes goes better with help, so get help if you need it/want it. Include ways that you and your family are linked to the ocean. Once you have 15 or 16 linking ideas, sort the ideas into four or more broad themes or main ideas. Put each main idea in a coloured circle and keep using that colour for ideas in that theme. Each idea circle will link with lines to you, to other ideas and to the ocean.

Add how you feel about the links along the lines. (For example, you have a food theme with your favorite sushi, barbequed sockeye, deep fried halibut or kalmari, anchovies on pizza, lobster with garlic butter, and sea urchin gonads. For feelings on food, you could put yum, yuck, neutral or whatever suits your fancy. Go ahead, fill your boots! Include things like: What is your favorite thing to do at the beach or at sea? What is the biggest boat you've been on? Why do you want to go to the sea? Why are you afraid of the sea? What is the scariest thing about the sea? What is your favorite seaweed? What is your favorite seabird? Can you imagine yourself as an ocean scientist? What would you like to work on? What if you won the lottery, what ocean conservation work would you support?

You get the picture...now make the picture. If you want a title it could be Me and the Sea: Exploring How We Link, or better yet, add your own idea for a title.

Take photos for sharing.