


Mind map

Have the class think about some of the ways the ocean influences our world using the mind map on the next page.

Some examples include:

- A source of food (fish, shellfish, seaweed, etc)
- Resources like minerals (deep sea mining / oil & gas), renewable marine energy (tidal), tourism
- Ecosystem services - the health and other benefits that come from a natural healthy environment (clean air / coastal protection / protection from extreme weather / mental and physical well-being)
- Water - it drives the water cycle, which supports life on land
- Influences the weather - can moderate climate, source of rain / storms
- Influences the climate

Print out the mind map on the next page and distribute it to the class.



**What does
the ocean do
for us?**