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# World Ocean Day: History

**Directions:** World Ocean Day is celebrated each year on June 8. The goal of this day is to help people think about oceans, how to keep them clean, and keep them safe for the wildlife that live in them. Read the passage below and answer the questions in complete sentences to show off your learning!

If you've ever seen the ocean from the beach while sand was in your toes, or up above from a plane, or even beneath the surface where the fish live, you know oceans are beautiful!



In 1987, a group of people came together. They felt that the ocean was not talked about enough. A few years later, World Ocean Day was celebrated for the first time.

The goal of World Ocean Day is get people to think about how they can help protect oceans.

We need to protect oceans. In addition to protecting sea life, we swim in the ocean. Oceans also allow us to connect with others. For example, ships travel across oceans, bringing people and things to new places.

If we do not protect oceans, habitats will be harmed and pollution will become worse. What can you do to celebrate World Ocean Day?

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## **Reading Questions**

1. According to the reading, why was World Ocean Day created?

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2. Why is it important to protect the oceans? Write down one more idea you can think of that is not in the reading.

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3. What could happen if we do not protect the world's oceans?

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