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7 Writing- Mrs. Graham

Activity for writing terms

Directions: Please find, and label, the following in the essay below: Introduction, Body Paragraphs, Conclusion, Thesis Statement, Topic Sentence(s), Evidence, Anecdote, Hook, Transitions.

Use Pencil for your first attempt. This way you can fix it if there are mistakes.

Do you know a creature who has a spiny tail and a hard brown hat? If you guessed the horseshoe crab you are right! Let's examine their appearance, investigate its habitat, and discover its history and the incredible facts that are waiting to be uncovered.

This amazing sea animal has a unique appearance. The horseshoe crab has a crusty, brown, hard, helmet shaped shell. The shell needs to be brown to blend in with the sand and to protect it from enemies. This seashore dweller can weigh up to about 12 lbs. and grow up to 2-3 feet long. Its long spiky tail helps it steer and move. It also helps it flip right side up if it's upside down.

Where does the horseshoe crab live? In the salt water ocean and the sandy seashore of course. The tall grasses of the marshes help the crustacean hide from predators there. These invertebrates also live in the warm waters of the Asian and Mexican seashores. I'll never forget the time when I went to Mystic Aquarium to touch a real live horseshoe crab in its man-made seashore habitat.

Would you believe the many amazing facts about the spiky tailed creature? Can you believe that this seashore dweller lived 100 years before dinosaurs? Its relatives are the tick scorpion, and spider, animals my mom certainly don't want in her house. Amazingly, this invertebrate can lay 20,000 eggs at one time. Gladly it doesn't need to take care of all these babies! You'll be shocked to learn that this amazing sea creature can swim upside down.

So when you are at the seashore be sure to look for a horseshoe crab. You'll recognize this beach dweller by its unusual traits, identify its habitat, and study the invertebrate's history and incredible facts. It certainly is an amazing creature.

What type of essay is this, and what tells you this? (look at the different forms of writing in your notes- Descriptive, Persuasive, Expository, Narrative)