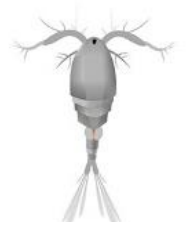


How Much Can You Learn About The North Atlantic Right Whale?

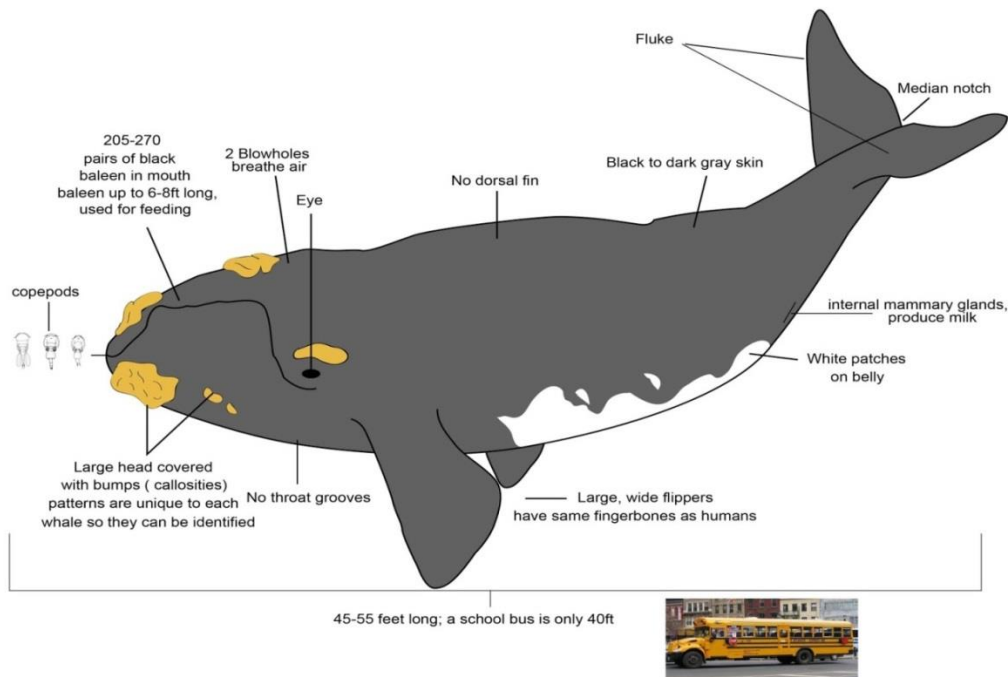
Background Information

Did you know that North Atlantic right whales, like all whales, are mammals? Like us they breathe air, are warm-blooded, give birth to live young, feed their young milk and even have hair. Did you also know that North Atlantic right whales eat tiny zooplankton called **copepods**, and that a right whale's mass is 50 billion times more than the food it eats?! It is also 3,800 times longer than its prey!



copepod, by eekwi.org

On average adult right whales are **45-55 ft long** and weigh **40-70 tons**. By their first birthday they will be 28-30 feet long and probably weigh over 11,000 pounds! You can learn about some of their other features in this diagram:



There is so much to know about North Atlantic right whales! This activity will help you to self-discover some important facts about North Atlantic right whales.

Activity

Marine biologists and other scientists spend many hours researching the animals they study, such as the North Atlantic right whale. You can be a marine biologist by researching the answers to the questions below. The information for these questions can be found in the links provided in the "Want to Know More?" Resources page. Use the boxes provided to fill in your answers.

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NOTE: Please get adult permission before venturing online to find the answers to these questions.

How big is a right whale calf when it's born?



Find a story about a right whale that was freed from entanglement and write a brief summary.

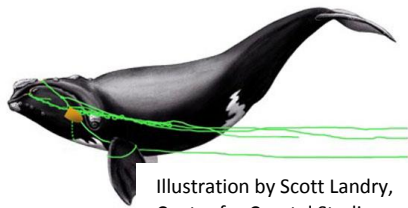


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How far do North Atlantic right whales migrate? Why do they migrate?



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List three products for which whale blubber was used in the 1800's.



Find a picture of a North Atlantic right whale eating. What type of feeding technique is it using?

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Why do right whales get struck by ships?



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What is the current population size of North Atlantic right whales?



The right whale's nickname is the "urban whale". Why is it called that?



List three things you can do to help the North Atlantic right whale.



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