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Preparing for a Seminar

Time for Kids Magazine Article: “The Coral Reef Crisis”

Step 1: As you read the article, use a highlighter and highlight any parts of the text that “jump out at you”. These would be sentences or passages that meant something to you, made you think, or surprised you. You should highlight these parts of the text so that you can easily share them with you classmates during the seminar.


Step 2: Think about the following questions. Write your ideas down next to each question so you can easily discuss your thoughts during the seminar.

 What do you think of when you think of a coral reef?

 How do you think scientists know coral is a living creature?

 Do you think coral reefs are important to protect? Why or why not?

 What is the biggest threat to coral reefs? Why?

 If you were the president, would you work to protect coral reefs? If so, what would you do?

 What could you do personally to help protect coral reefs?

Step 3: Write two questions about coral reefs you would like to ask your peers during the seminar. These should be “fat” questions. They should encourage your classmates to discuss many different opinions rather than just give one simple answer.