Activities Days 3 – 5	
Activity #3	Graphing the Sea Floor
Time	Approximate time to complete this activity: 1 day (class period)
Materials	<ul> <li>Computers and internet</li> <li>Graph paper with some points filled in</li> <li>Data sheet</li> </ul>
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- How does sonar work?
- What physical features do you think youwill recognize that you learned about when studying plate boundaries and volcanoes?

## Plan

- Plans for part 1 of activity:
- Show sonar Gizmo on Smartboard, or have students work in pairs on computers on Gizmo.
- Students will graph seafloor on Gizmo. See:

http://www.explorelearning.com/index.cfm?method=cResource.dspDetail&ResourceID=373

- Students will write a reflection in their notebooks on their results.
- Guiding Questions to ask during this part of the activity:
- How do scientists know about the topography (vocabulary word) of the ocean floor?
- How did the sonar work?
- Anticipated Student Responses to guiding questions:
- o Scientists use sonar to help them know the topography of the ocean floor.
- Sonar is a sound that reflects off of the ocean floor.
- Plans for part 2 of activity:
  - Students will graph Atlantic ocean floor. See
     <a href="http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/documents/336\_01.pdf">http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/documents/336\_01.pdf</a>
  - Guiding Questions to ask during this part of the activity:
- o What characterisitcs do you see upon graphing the ocean floor?
- Do you recognize any physical features that you learned about when studying plate boundaries and volcanoes?
  - Anticipated Student Responses to guiding questions:
  - Discourse Guide discussion toward the use of sonar and ocean floor features.

Differentiation	Strategy 1: For the graphing of an accurate model of the ocean floor, have part of the graph filled in.
ELL Modification	Modification: Pair student with another student with whom he/she can work well.
Check for Understanding	Check in with students throughout this activity for comfort with the Gizmos activity and graphing the ocean floor. Assist as needed. Collect graph to assess understanding.