Activity #1	What is an ocean ecosystem?
Time	One 45 min. class session
Materials	Copies of student worksheet Ocean Life
	Post-it notes
	Chart paper
	computers
Guiding Questions	
1. What type of organisms live in the ocean?	
2. Why is it important to study ocean ecosystems?	
3. How do energy resources affect ocean life?	
Plan	
• KWL chart – What do you know about ocean ecosystems? What do you want to know?	
• Watch Bill Nye Ocean Life, <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lgmdlmD1p0</u>	
 Guiding Questions to ask during this part of the activity: What did you learn from watching the video? How does learning about ocean ecosystems help us minimize the impact of the energy resources? 	
 Students complete corresponding Ocean Life worksheet Interactive My Ocean game from National Geographic 	
 Guiding Questions to ask during this part of the activity: What did you observe from this activity about ocean life? What were your findings? What new things did you learn about marine organisms? 	
 Discourse- How did what we learn from the video help us to better understand how to minimize the energy impact on the ocean environment? 	
Differentiation	Give modified worksheet with fill-ins
ELL Modification	 Students can partner with an English speaking student to help with the computer activity
Check for Understanding	Students completion of video worksheet and responses during discourse.