

Sea Turtle Nesting Behavior Reading and Questions

Name: _____

1) In your own words, describe 3 ways you can tell different species of turtles apart based upon how they crawl on the beach during nesting.

2) Which turtle species has the widest tracks?

3) Describe a body pit in your own words and tell which turtles make them:

4) Describe an egg chamber:

5) What is one behavior a turtle does only if she lays eggs?

6) What is it called if the turtle comes out of the water, but doesn't lay eggs?

7) Give 5 reasons she may do the behavior described in number 6:

8) How long do eggs incubate (take to hatch)?

9) When (during the day or night) do the hatchlings emerge (come out of their shells)? Why do you think they do this at this time?

10) Describe a hatchling's "frenzy behavior and tell why they do this:
