

Expository Thinking Guide
Content-Based Topic

Title of the Selection **Journey Interrupted: Saving Endangered Sea Turtles written by Kathryn Lasky Photographer Christopher G. Knight**

Genre: Nonfiction – Informational Text

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Topic of Selection	Endangered Sea Turtles
Central Idea (Main Idea of Selection)	Saving Endangered Sea Turtles
Main Idea of Each Paragraph	Stranded
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	2. The Nolan's are volunteers who walk Cape Cod's beaches to save turtles.
	3. Max looks for dying Kemp's ridley turtles on a blustery day.
	4. Kemp's ridley turtles are the most endangered turtles.
	5. Severe cold weather, but no sign of a turtle
	6. Max finds a turtle.
	7. Max follows the instructions given to rescuers.
	8. What happens when the rescued turtle is picked up by Robert Prescott from the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.
	9. Robert helps the rescued turtle begin to move and gets the turtle ready for more treatment at the New England Aquarium.
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	15. Analyzing the blood of the rescued sea turtle
	16. Next the turtle is cleaned and it seems to move.
	17. Beth and Howard know a lot more, but aren't sure it is alive yet.
	18. The rescued turtle is named Yellow-Blue and put in the Intensive Care Unit.
	Release
	19. Yellow-Blue's trip to The Turtle Hospital in Marathon before release.
	20. Richie Moretti is the director of The Turtle Hospital in Marathon and the motel where the hospital is located.
	21. Motel swimming pool used for the turtles
	22. Richie helps on the Yellow-Blue is released.
	23. Releasing Yellow-Blue in the outlying keys of the Gulf side.
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Summary

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Cloze Activities

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