



**Note:** The following questions are for use with the COOL Classroom Web site:

[http://www.coolclassroom.org/cool\\_projects/lessons/miniunits/lesson2.html](http://www.coolclassroom.org/cool_projects/lessons/miniunits/lesson2.html)

The worksheet is also downloadable at the site

1. Why do you think it is important to study the ocean?

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2. Click on the thumbnail image of the timeline or on “The Evolution of Oceanography”. Explore the ways people have interacted with the ocean over time. Why do you think early explorers were interested in navigating the ocean?

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3. Studying the ocean is difficult. List the reasons why:

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4. When did people start exploring the ocean for scientific purposes?

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Oceanography  
Through Time



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5. List three major events in the twentieth century that you think were most important to the evolution of ocean science. Explain why you think so:

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