## PACIFIC ALPHABET

Margriet Ruurs



What can you discover along the Pacific Coast? Read and find out!

This alphabet book is a whimsical journey along the West Coast of North America. Each colorful illustration features delightful sea creatures, fanciful characters, and lush coastal vegetation. It is an adventure for the young and young at heart.



## Lesson Ideas

In Pacific Alphabet the illustrator, Dianne Bonder includes many obvious things and also, some subtle things. Students will be assigned a letter, make a list of everything they see in the picture and then tell why they think the illustrator included it.

Students will be assigned to work together in groups to create a new alphabet book based on another thing in nature such as "The Rocky Mountains." They will be encouraged to write in the rhyming style of Margriet Ruurs.

Students will choose a letter and do more research on what it represents and then do their own illustration.



Author Margriet Ruurs and illustrator Dianna Bonder have created a whimsical, informative, creative way to explore the coast of the Pacific Ocean. You will be assigned a letter of the alphabet. Reread that page, thinking about the text and then study the illustration. Below, make a list of everything you see in the illustration and then write why you think the illustrator included it and the way she did!

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Now that you have read Pacific Alphabet, you will work in a small group and be assigned another thing in nature to research and create your own ABC book. You will research together, decide what each letter will represent, and then choose which pages you each will create.

