



**You will need:**

- Clipboard
- Pencil
- Colored pencils (optional)

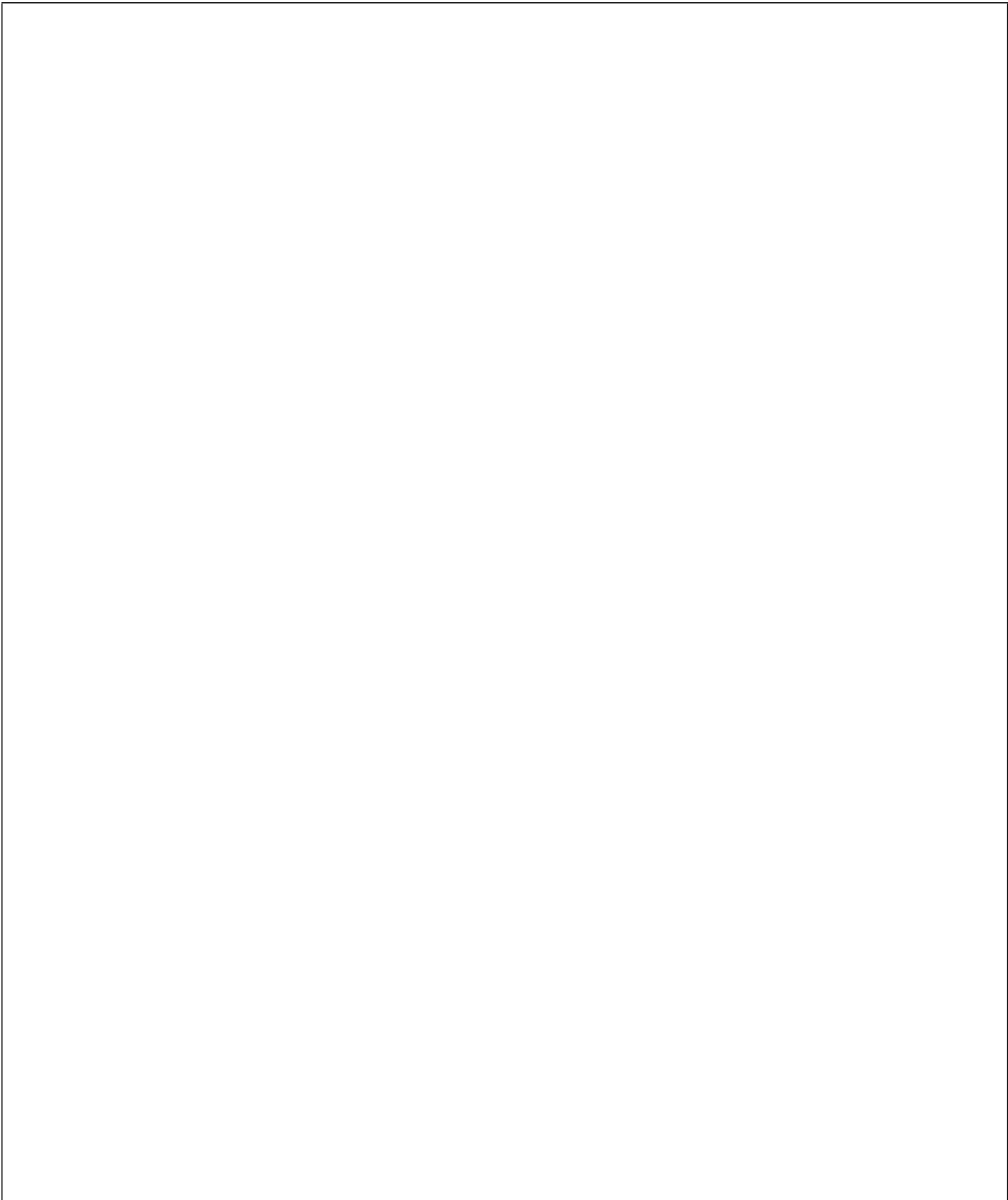
# ***Become a Tank Expert!***

Take some time to focus on just one of our many amazing tanks. See what you notice when you spend five minutes or more studying one exhibit closely.

1. Choose one exhibit to become an expert on. A few recommended tanks that work well for this activity:
  - a. Pacific Reef Community (Level 1, Tropical Gallery)
  - b. Blue Hole (Level 2, Thinking Gallery)
  - c. Flooded Amazon Forest (Level 3, Freshwater Gallery)
  - d. Boulder Reef (Level 3, Northern Waters Gallery)
2. You may choose to start on either side of the worksheet—drawing or writing. What do you notice? What questions do you have? Use the panel information above and around the tank to help answer your questions. Find an educator and ask any questions you can't answer yourselves, or write them down to research later.
3. For younger children:
  - a. How many fish can you count?
  - b. How many colors can you find?
  - c. Can you find anything shaped like a triangle? Square? Circle? Rectangle?
4. If you have time, become an expert on more than one tank. What are some differences between the exhibits you studied?
5. If you are here with a group, have different people become experts on different tanks. Teach each other what you learned and noticed. Play “20 Questions” in front of a tank.
6. At home, draw your tank in full color on a larger piece of paper. Teach someone about it.











**Exhibit Name:**

***Draw or describe the tank. Label it as much as possible. Describe what the animals are doing.***

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw or describe an aquarium tank. The box occupies most of the page's vertical space.

Circle one:

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<p><b>What part of the world does this exhibit show?</b></p> <p>Atlantic Ocean      Pacific Ocean</p> <p>Amazon River      Caribbean Sea</p> <p><b>Water type:</b></p> <p>Fresh      Salt</p> <p><b>Water temperature:</b></p> <p>Warm      Cool</p>	<p><b>What <i>kind(s)</i> of animals are in this tank?</b></p> <p> Invertebrates</p> <p> Fish</p> <p> Birds</p> <p> Reptiles</p> <p> Anything else? What?</p>
<p><b>Draw or describe the <i>largest animal</i> you can see in this tank.</b></p>	<p><b>What is in this tank that is <i>not an animal</i>?</b></p> <p> Rocks</p> <p> Sand</p> <p> Plants</p> <p> Water</p> <p> Anything else? What?</p>
<p><b>Describe your <i>favorite thing</i> about this tank.</b></p>	