

ANSWER SHEET

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Louisiana Manatee Sightings Worksheet

Answer the questions below using the handout "Manatee Sightings in Louisiana from 1929 through 1996".

- 1. What year had the most manatee sightings? _____ **1995** _____
- 2. Manatee sightings were most common in the month of _____ **July** _____
- 3. The parish with the largest number of sightings? _____ **Tangipahoa** _____
- 4. Manatee sightings in the years **_1992_&_1995_** recorded two manatees seen together.
- 5. Which manatee sighting description did you find most interesting, and why?

_____ **Answers will vary** _____

- 6. Do you think that some of the reported sightings describe the same manatee and why? Use facts from sightings list.

_____ **Answers will vary** _____

- 7. Even though manatees are warm blooded they can not survive in water under 60°F. Using this information explain way a manatee was sighted near the Michoud power plant in November of 1995.

_____ **A manatee was spotted at the Michoud power plant in November because the power plant discharges warm water into an adjacent bayou making a suitable area for the manatee to stay in until the surrounding waters become warmer.** _____

- 8. Using the information you have learned about manatees, discuss a possible reason why some manatees were found dead (carcass).

_____ **Answers will vary, may include reasons such as loss of food source, cold water, and accident with watercrafts, etc.** _____



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9. Give a reason for the increase in number of manatee sighting in Louisiana.

Some reasons are loss of habitat in Florida, and abundant aquatic vegetation in Louisiana.

10. Using the Louisiana manatee sightings list mark the location of all manatee sightings including the date on the map below.

