

The Five W's

Peter Benchley's underwater encounter with a great white shark has lots of thrilling details to remember. To help keep track of the story in all the excitement, you can ask yourself the five "W" questions: Who, what, when, where, and why. In this activity, you will identify the main points of the article by answering those questions and supporting the answers with details.

Directions: As you read "Great White Terror," find the answers to the five "W" questions. For each main idea, write one supporting detail from the article.

1. Who?

(Who is the story about?)

Supporting detail:

2. What?(What happens
in the story?)

Supporting detail:

3. When?(When does the story
take place?)

Supporting detail:

4. Where?(Where does the story
take place?)

Supporting detail:

5. Why?(Why did the main action
of the story happen?)

Supporting detail:

Write Now!

On a separate piece of paper, write a well-organized paragraph explaining a final question: the "How" of this story. Describe how the story began, how Benchley ended up in trouble, and how he got out.