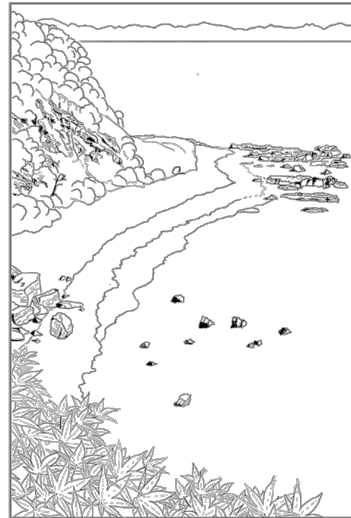


***A group of students were looking at the ocean. They were discussing seawater and what they might find in it. They shared with each other their initial thoughts about the ocean.***



Brittany said, “The ocean is a lot of salty water that covers over half the world. It really doesn’t do anything for us because we can’t drink it and it would kill plants if we used it to water our gardens.

Samantha said, “I know sea lions and whales live in it because I see them sometimes when we drive along the coast. Other than that, only fish and seaweed can be found in the water”.

Clarence said, “I think the ocean has little tiny things in it that can use energy from the sun and nutrients to make food. The ocean is like a garden. There are lots of animals in it that eat out of the garden.

Carlos gave a thoughtful comment saying, “the oceans are just dirty water. When I go driving along the coast the water is all muddy. Nothing can live in such a dirty place. Only surfers like it when the tide comes in because they get to surf the tide wave that I think is called a bore tide”.

Tom piped up and said, “My mom and dad fish and crab for a living so I know there are fish and crabs in the water in certain places but most of the ocean doesn’t have much living in it.”

***After reading the statements from the individuals above, write down who you agree with most and explain your reasoning.***

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