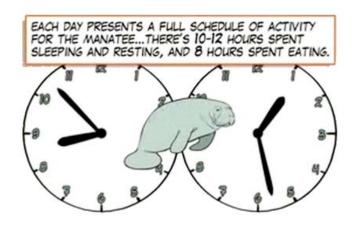


Directions: Write your responses on this sheet or on separate paper.

1. Why do manatees prefer warm water?

2. Are manatees meat eaters (carnivores) or vegetarians (herbivores)? What do they eat?

**3.** Manatees spend eight hours a day eating. Why do you think they spend so much time eating?



4. What are three characteristics of a good manatee habitat?

**5.** People are the biggest threat to manatees. Do you think people should protect manatees and preserve their habitat? Why or why not?