

Disney's The Little Mermaid

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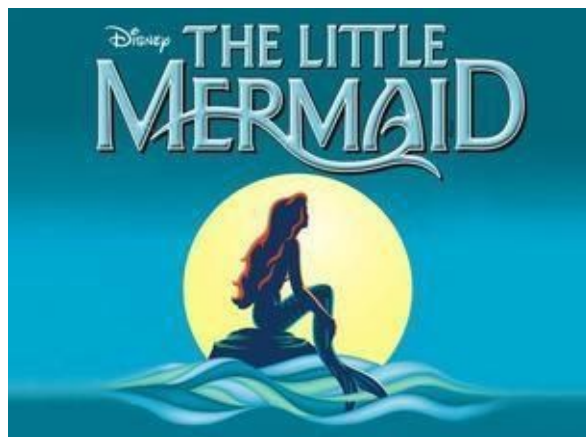
Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm

Sundays at 3:00 pm

2nd Street Stage

Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center

120 South 2nd Street



This classic tale about a mermaid who dreams of life above the ocean's surface is based on the 1989 Disney animated film and the 1837 story by Hans Christian Anderson. When Ariel the Little Mermaid falls in love with a human prince, she trades her beautiful voice to the evil Ursula for legs and a chance at true love. However, if the prince does not fall in love with her in three days, Ariel's soul will belong to Ursula forever!

About the Thalian Association

Thalian Association Community Theatre is a non-profit, membership organization that's dedicated to enhancing the rich artistic environment of the Cape Fear region.



Tracing its roots back to 1788, the Thalian Association Community Theatre was founded to provide arts education and bring the excitement of the performing arts to Wilmington, North Carolina. Today the Thalian Association Community Theatre produces five major productions annually on the Main Stage at historic Thalian Hall, offers a Youth Theatre program and professionally manages the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center for the City of Wilmington. In 2007, the North Carolina legislature named the Thalian Association Community Theatre the Official Community Theater of North Carolina.

Venn Diagram Activity: Compare and Contrast

In the story of *The Little Mermaid*, Ariel dreams of a chance to become human. She is fascinated with people and their world above the surface. Ariel begins to collect human objects that she finds in the ocean, such as a fork and a pipe.

Even though Ariel believes that life on land will be completely different to life under the sea, she soon finds out that many things - like the love of her friends and family - are the same no matter where you are from!



Answer the following questions to begin the Venn Diagram Activity:

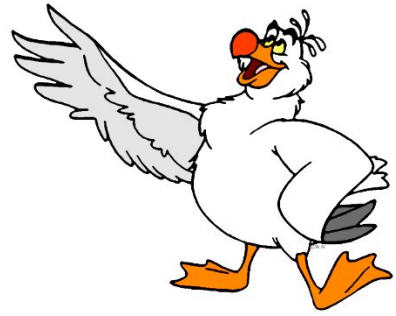


- What do you think life is like as a mermaid like Ariel?
- What is unique about life under the sea?
- What is unique about living on land?
- What differences can you point out between the human world and Ariel's world under the sea?
- What similarities can you think of that might exist between the human world and Ariel's world?



Complete the Venn Diagram below:

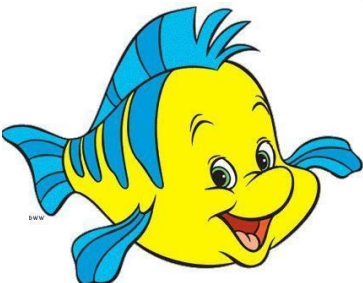
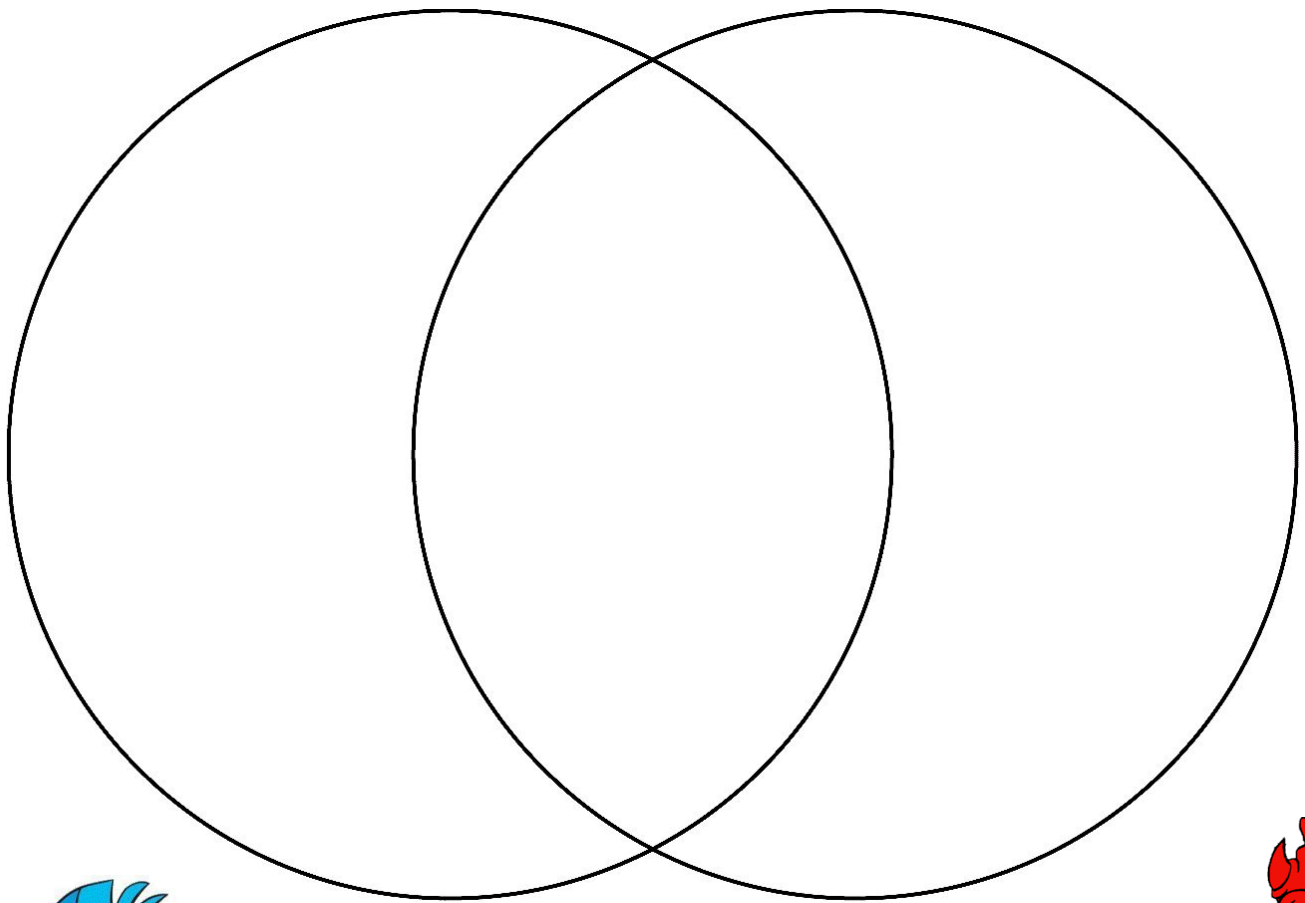
- On the left side of the Venn Diagram, write down descriptions of the Human world above the surface of the ocean. Think of all the things that exist on land!
- On the right side of the Venn Diagram, write down descriptions of Ariel's world below the surface of the ocean. Think of all the creatures under the sea!
- In the center, write down the similarities that exist between the two worlds.



Human World

Similarities

Ariel's World



Craft Activity: Popsicle Stick Mermaid Tails

Complete this fun activity from the blog *Glued To My Crafts* to create and customize your very own mermaid tail!

Craft Supplies:

- Jumbo Popsicle Sticks (3 per mermaid tail)
- School Glue or Glue Stick
- Foam Paint Brush
- Basic Craft Scissors
- Green Cardstock or Construction Paper
- Green Craft Paint
- Small Paper Plate
- Gold Glitter Glue
- optional – more glitter, rhinestones etc.

Directions:

- Grab three popsicle sticks for each mermaid tail.
- Paint or color the popsicle sticks green.
- Using one small drop of glue for each corner, glue the popsicle sticks together in the shape of a triangle.
- Set aside to let the glue dry completely. Repeat for each mermaid tail you want to make.
- Grab your green cardstock or construction paper and cut out a triangular shape that will be placed within the triangle formed by the popsicle sticks.
- Cut out two fins to complete the mermaid tail.
- Glue the paper triangle to the back of the popsicle sticks.
- Glue the fins on to the front bottom corner of the popsicle sticks.
- Add any additional decorations.
- Set your Mermaid Tail aside to let it dry completely before displaying!



Art Activity: The Little Mermaid Coloring Sheet



Sources: Wikipedia.org, Gluedtomycraftsblog.com