

# Sample Outline for Beluga Whale

## I What Beluga whales look like

- A. Toothed whale
- B. Up to 18 ft. in length
- C. Dark brown or blue-gray
- D. Weighs up to 3,500 kilograms
- E. Has dorsal ridge instead of fin

## II How Beluga whales behave

- A. Live up to 25 or 30 years
- B. Prefer shallow and cold waters
- C. Females are pregnant 14 months
- D. Females separate from group to have babies
- E. Baby average 170 pounds at birth

## III Where Beluga whales live

- A. Live in the Arctic and subarctic region
- B. Travel up to 620 miles during migration
- C. Migrate from the Arctic as far as New Jersey
- D. Migrate down Rhine River in Europe
- E. Live in Arctic Ocean

## IV What and how Beluga whales eat

- A. Don't chew their food; swallow it whole
- B. Forage at or near the bottom of shallow water
- C. Eat approximately 2.5% to 3% of their body weight per day
- D. Hunt schooling fishes
- E. Eat octopus, squid, crabs, shrimp, clams, and a variety of fish