

# Dive Teams

## Essential Question

**Why is teamwork important?**

Read about a team of divers who work together to explore a sunken ship.

Imagine exploring the underwater world of the ocean. Perhaps you want to see how sea animals live, or you may hope to search for sunken ships. That is just what Gloria did!

Gloria has always lived close to the sea in California. She swam and surfed at an early age. She became interested in the ocean. So Gloria became an expert diver. She decided to join a dive team to find sunken ships. What would her job be?

Each job on a dive team is **important**. One serious job is using **machines** the dive team needs. Another job is to **repair**, or fix, these devices when they don't work. Gloria is an experienced photographer, so she decides to photograph what the team discovers underwater.

Gloria and her team search for the sunken ship.





**Teamwork** is important for a dive team. Team members depend on one another. They divide up the tasks and each person helps to get the job done.

Gloria's team learns about a ship that sank over 100 years ago. No one has ever found it! They decide to make a **scientific** study of it. The team reads information and studies a map where they think the ship sank. They are excited about their **exploration**.

The captain, another team member, takes them by boat to their map location. He stays on the boat where he can communicate with the divers.

Before the team dives, they **prepare** for their special jobs. To get ready, Gloria puts on her diving suit and gear and makes sure her camera is ready to take photographs.



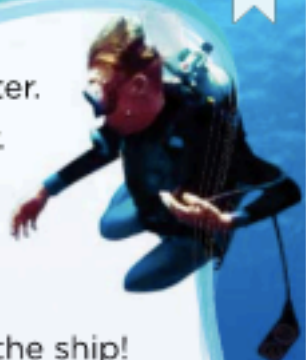
This map shows the route Gloria's team takes to the shipwreck.



Now the divers jump into the water. As they swim deeper, it gets darker. A team member turns on a flashlight. This helps the divers see where they are going.

Finally, one team member spots the ship! He uses an aquatic microphone to talk to the team. Gloria takes pictures as teammates measure the ship. Another teammate watches for sharks and other dangers.

After an hour of exploring, the person with the flashlight leads the way back to the boat. The team now has important **results** from their discovery to share. Gloria thinks, "I will always remember this dive!"



The team believes the ship Gloria heard about sank near other known shipwrecks off the coast of Florida.



### Make Connections

Why is teamwork important for exploring shipwrecks?

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTION

Would you enjoy being part of a team that explores shipwrecks? Explain your answer. **TEXT TO SELF**

